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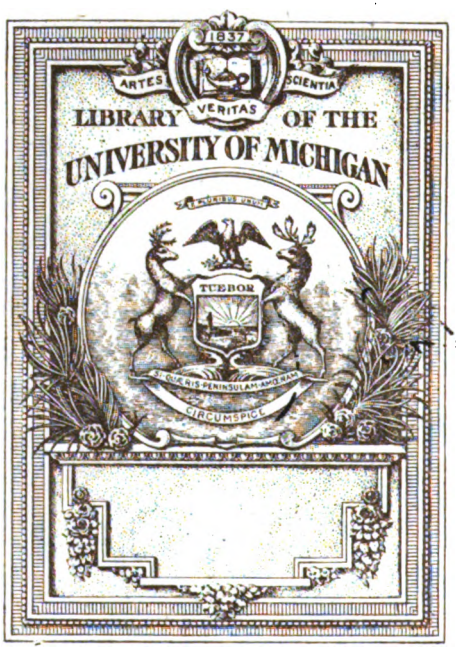

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OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL,

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City of Philad[a].

Att a Meeting of the Mayor, Alderm-
en & Comon Council at the House
of Barbert Carry of this City, Inn
holder, the Third day of October 1704

Pr, s, nt
Anthony Morris, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder

Edward Shippen	John Parsons
Griffith Jones	Wm. Hudson
Joseph Willcox	Wm. Lee
Nathan Stanbury	John Budd Junr
Charles Read	Edward Smout
Thomas Masters	James Atkinson
William Carter	Penticost Teague
John Jones	ffrancis Cook
	Henry Badcock
	Robt Yeildhall
	Joseph Yard
	Thomas Griffeth
	John Redman Sen[r]

Aldermen.

Comon Council.

The above sd Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen & Comon Council psuant to the business of the Day procd,d to the Election of a Mayor for the sd City for the year Ensuing And Alderman Grif-

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feth Jones is Elected Mayor Nemine Contradicente of which he accepted & Moved that the 20^{lb} fine laid vpon him for his refusing to accept of the Mayoralty the last Year may be Remitted him & it is Granted and the sd ffine is hereby remitted & forgiven.

Whereas it appeares that the Reason of Alderman Jones his refusing the Mayoralty the last Year was, for that he was non resident in the City, but Inhabited at his plantason in the Country and also he then being vnder some dissatisfaction as to the affirmation to be taken by him in order to his Qualification It is now Ordered that the remitting him his ffine for his refusing the Mayoralty the last year and the Electing of him Mayor for the year Ensuing shall not be brought into practice or presedent And no Alderman of this Corporation shall pretend to have or Claim the same liberty or priviledge as is now Granted to or allow'd Alderman Jones.

Joshua Carpenter is elected an Alderman of this City Nemine Contradicente.

Alderman John Jones & Wm Hudson is appointed to Collect the Moneys due to the Corporation for the Stalls in the Market.

At a Comon Councill at the Coffy house the 1st day of December 1704.

Rich^{d} pruse, John Till, Widow Bristow, Myles Godforth, Christopher Lobb, Philip Walis, Wm Bywater, Isaac Bland, psons who keep Teams within this City being sent for now Come & are admonished (Csonabl mischief being lately Comitted by some of them) to take

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care how they drive theire Carts within this City for that an Ordinance will be immediately Made for theire regulation.

It is ordered that an Ordinance be drawn for the Regulason of the Carters within this City and that do draw vp the same & lay it before the Next Meeting of Comon Councill.

The names of Other Carters & keps of Teams that do not now appear

- Nicholas Pearce
- Saml Parker
- James Jacobs
- Henry Carter
- Thomas Shale
- John Mitchenor
- John Mifflin
- Nath Poole.

Present Griff Jones Mayor
David Lloyd Recorder

- Edw Shippen
- Jos Willcox
- Nath Stanbury
- John Jones
- Wm Carter

} Aldermen.

- ffrancis Cook
- John Budd
- John Parsons
- Wm Lee
- Penticost Teague
- Jos Yard

- John Redman
- Tho Griffith
- Hen Badcock
- Ed Smout.

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John Knowles
Nath Webb
James Wood
George Painter
Nathaniel Tylee
Edw'd Evan
Abram Carlisle
John Test
Thomas England
} This day took out theire ffredoms.

It is orderd that the Inhabitants of this City be divided into ten p, t, s & each Constable bring in a Number to have an Equall Number assign'd to serve vpon the Watch and that nine p r s n s besides the Constable Attend the Watch each night.

It is ordr'd that John Budd & Henry Badcock do winter the Two Towns Bulls vntill the ffirst of June next & that they shall have ffour pounds apiece for the same to be p'd them out of the Publick Stock of this City which they vndertook to do.

Joseph Yard and John Redman are appointed to view the Arch in the ffront Street & to make theire report at the Next Meeting in w^t^ condition they find the same & w^t^ money will be requr'd to mend the same and make good the bank on each side.

Ordered that Ald Shippen, Wilcox, Jones, Carter, Edwd Smout, Jno Parsons or some 4 of them do view all the publick wharfs of this City & do make theire Report at the Next Meeting in w^t^ condison they find the same & w^t^ Charge will be reqir'd to make them good or to alter the same for the Most Conveniency to the publick.

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Ordered & agreed that a Watch house shall be built in the Market place 16 foot long & 14 Wide & that John Redman, Joseph Yard & John Parsons Compute the charge & Report it to the Next Meeting.

Mem that an Ordinance be Considered to prevent boyling Tar into Pitch & heating pitch vpon the Wharf or within 20 foot of any building & placeing of hay Stacks in the Backsides.

Ordered that the Cryer of this City give publick notice to the Inhabitants that the Act for preventing of ffire will be vigorously put in execuson.

Ordered that the Mayor once in every Month Goe the Rounds to the respective bread bakers in this City weigh their bread & seize all such as shall be found deficient in weight & dispose of the same as the law directs.

Alderman John Jones & Edwd Smout are appointed Collectors of the Rents for the Stalls & Standings in the Market.

Ordered that the acc^{t} now brought in by the late Recorder be Inspected & Examined by Alderman Shippen, Alderman Willcox and ffrancis Cook and that they do report the same to the next Meeting & that the books & papers belonging to the Corporation be delivered by the late Recorder to the present by Indenture.

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Att a Comon Councill at the Coffy house the 15th day of December 1704.

Present Griffith Jones, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Edwd Shippen
- Thomas Story
- Jos Willcox
- Wm Carter
- Nath Stanbury

Comon Councill.
- John Parsons
- Wm Lee
- Penticost Teague
- Robt Yeldall
- Jos'ph Yard
- John Redman
- Thomas Pascall
- Tho Griffeth
- Wm Hudson
- James Atkinson
- Hen Badcock.

The psons following were this day admitted ffreemen

- Margaret Bristow
- Saml Parker
- Christopher Lobb
- Isaac Bland
- John Till
- Joshua Hassinger
- Thomas Shale
- Henry Carter
- Josiah Appleson
- Thomas Rutter
- Miles Goforth
- James Jacobs
- Nicholas Pearce
- Jacob Dubre
- Philip Wallis

Joseph Yard & John Redman who were appointed by an order of the last Councill to view the Arch in the ffront & to report to this Councill wt may be required to repaire & make good the same now Report that they have carefully viewed the Arch and are o. opinion that the sume of Twelve pounds will be requir'd to repaire & make good the same.

It is ord'r'd that the Ground on each side of the Arch ffronting vpon King Street be built vpon by such psons as shall be Willing

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to build the same vpon Ground rent And that Aldermen Wilcox & Jones may Treat with any psons Concerning the same & that they give publick notice thereof & make theire report at the next meeting w^t^ pgress they have made therein.

It is ordered that this City be divided into Ten wards and that Alderman Willcox, Carter, John Parsons, John Budd, ffrancis Cook, John Redman, Thomas Pascall, do lay out & divide the same & do make their Report at the next meeting of the Comon Councill.

Alderman Shippen, Willcox, Carter & John Parsons, who were appointed by the last Councill to view the Wharfes & to Consider what Charge would be required to mend now Report that they have Carefully viewed the publick Wharfes of this City do conceive that the sume of ffifty pounds will be required to repair & make good the Arch Wharfe High Street Wharfe the sum of Twenty pounds, Chesnut street Wharfe the sume of Thirty pounds, Wallnutt Street Wharfe the sum of ffifty pounds in all the sume of one hundred & ffifty pounds.

Aldermen Shippen, Wilcox, Read, John Budd, William Hudson, ffrancis Cook & Penticost Teague or some three of them are appointed to Examine John ffuring his acc^t^ & report at the next meeting of the Comon Councill how they find the same.

John Redman, Joseph Yard & John Parsons, who were appointed at the last meeting to Compute the Charge of the Watch house Report that they have Computed the same And that the Brick work will require the sume of Thirty pounds. And the Carpenters work the sume of Thirty five pounds besides Nails & Iron work etc.

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Alderman Shippen, Wilcox & ffrancis Cook, who were the last Councill appointed to Inspect the late Recorder Tho Story's acct now Report that they have Examined the same & thinke that vpon the whole Mr Story ought to pay back to the Corporation the sum of Ten pounds but Mr Story objecting agt it, it is referred till the next meeting of the Comon Councill.

At a Comon Councill ffirst of January 1704

Present Griffith Jones, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder

Aldermen:
Edward Shippen
Anth Morris
Tho Story
Joseph Wilcox
John Jones
Wm Carter
Nath Stanbury

Comon Councill:
John Parsons
Wm Lee
John Budd
John Redman
ffrancis Cook
James Atkinson
Robt Yeildall.
Tho Griffith
Joseph Yard.
Penticost Teague

The late Recorder Thomas Stories acct being this day further examined it is the opinion of this Councill that two articles in the Amount Consisting of the sume of 2£. 7s. 6d. shall be totally struck out and that he pay into the hands of the presnt Recorder the sum of Eight pounds & also deliver vp into the present Recorders hands all the books papers & minutes relating to this Corporation within the space of ffive days nxt ensuing.

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Some disputes having heretofore arisn Concerning the City Seal in whose hands it ought to Lodge & it being now put to the vote whether it ought to be kept by the Mayor or Town Clerk, it past that it ought to be kept by the Mayor, but that he might Intrust it in the Clerks hands if he thought fitt.

Alderman Wilcox, Carter, Jno Parsons, Jno Budd, ffrancis Cook, Jno Redman, Tho Pascall who were appointed to divide the Wards of this City & to report the same at this Councill signifie that they have not as yet done the same. It is therefore Ordered that they do divide the same & make their report at the next Councill.

Alderman Shippen, Read, Wilcox, Jno Budd, Wm Hudson, Penticost Teague & francis Cook are Continued to Examine Jno ffuring acct^s & any five of them report the same at the next Councill.

It is ordrd that the Respective officers of this Corporation do bring in a Table of their fees due to them in their respective offices to the next meeting in order to be considered & Established.

It is ordered that an Ordinance bee drawn vp & laid before the next meeting for the Erecting an inferiour Court or asertaining a particular time and place for the determining of small debts vnder forty shillings and that the Recorder & Clerk do the same.

Agreed that the Mayor treat with the present overseers of the poore about a present supply for the poore & that this Comon Councill will indemnifie the Mayor from any engagem^t he shall promise to the overseers on that acc^t.

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Att a Comon Councill held the 2d day of ffebruary A° 1704–5.

Present

Griffith Jones, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Edward Shippen
- Joseph Willcox
- Nathan Stanbury
- Wm Carter
- Anthony Morris
- Thomas Story

Comon Councill.
- ffrancis Cook
- John Parsons
- Penticost Teague
- Robt Yeldall.
- James Atkinson
- Nehemiah Allen.
- Tho: Griffith
- Wm Lee
- Wm Hudson.

The Recorder Reports That the late Recorder Thomas Story pursuant to the order of the last Councill has paid into his hands the sum of Eight pounds & also delivered vp vnto him all the Books, papers & minutes relating to the Corporation.

Alderman Willcox, Carter, John Parsons, John Budd, ffrancis Cook, John Redman & Thomas Pascall who were appointed by an order of the last Comon Councill to divide this City into Wards & to Report the same to this Councill Report that they have divided this City into Wards & have returned the same vnder theire hands as following

1 . . . . . Dock Ward.

All the Inhabitants between Delaware River & the 7th Street to the Southward of Wallnut Street Including ye south side of Wallnut Street.

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2 . . . . . Walnutt Ward.

All the Inhabitants between Wallnutt and Chesnutt Street from the west side of the ffront to the East side of the 2d Street (Inclusive).

3 Chesnutt Ward.

All the Inhabitants between Chesnut & high Street from the ffront to the 2d Street.

4 Lower Delaware Ward.

All the Inhabitants between the ffront Street & Delaware River from the End of Walnutt to ye end of high, street both vpon & vnder ye Bank.

5 Upper Delaware Ward.

All the Inhabitants between the ffront street & Delaware River from High street to the North End of the City.

6 High Street Ward.

All the Inhabitants between high street & Mulberry Street from the front to the Second street.

7. Mulbery Ward.

All the Inhabitants on the North side of Mulberry street to the Extent of the City from the ffront to the 7th street.

8. North Ward

All the Inhabitants between Mulberry & high street from the 2d to the 7th street.

9. Middle Ward.

All the Inhabitants between high street & Chesnut street from ye 2d to ye Seventh street.

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10. South Ward.

All the Inhabitants between Chesnut & Wallnutt street from the 2d to the 7th street. which 10 wards as they are now named and Sett out are approved by this Councill.

It is Ordered that an Ordinance be Drawn for the Regulation of the Watch of this City, & that Recorder Alderman Story & Alderman Wilcox do the same & return it to the Next Meeting.

It is ordered that the Mayor & Alderman do wait on the Governour to request his Answer to the last Address of the Corporation & that the Mayor first wait on him to know wt time heel appoint the Meeting.

Thomas Potts is admitted ffreeman of this City paying for his ffreedome Twenty Two Shillings & Sixpence which he paid & had his ffreedome.

A petison of the Coopers of this City was this day read, & is referred to Wm Lee, John Parsons, William Hudson, Nehemiah Allen & Robert Yeildall to consider of agt. the Next Meeting.

It is ordered that the Mayor, Recorder, Alderman Shippen, Story, Willcox, Masters & Stanbury, John Parsons, ffrancis Cook & Wm. Hudson or some 5 of them do peruse & Examine the ordinance now brought in for the Determining Debts vnder 40s & do Assertain the Officers ffees & report the Same at the Next Meeting of the Comon Councill in order to be Passed.

Alderman Shippen, Willcox, Wm Hudson, Penticost Teague & ffrancis Cook report according to an order of the last Councill that they have Examined the accounts of John ffuring & do find that a Considerable pte of the Tax is behind & vncollected so that they

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Cannot pfect the acc^{ts} with him till the remainder of the Tax be ordered to be Collected & demand made, Whereby it may be discovered whether Credit be given by his Acc^{ts} for all he hath recd, as also to discover whether w^{t} he hath charged as paid in Work, be Just & true.

It is ordered that the Remainder of the Tax vncollected by John ffuring be immediately Collected, & that Robert Yeildall be the person to Collect the same, who vndertook the doing thereof at 12^{d} p pounds for his Pains with such further sume (as the Comon Council vpon Considering his pains & Trouble) shall think fitt to allow him, & that a Warrn^{t} be drawn by the Clerke to impower him to Collect the same, & that the Justices of the County be apply'd to at theire Next Sessions by the Recorder & Clerke to have theire Concurrance for the Collecting of that pte of the Tax laid on the Inhabitants in the Northern liberties.

The Mayor psuant to an order of the last Comon Councill for his Treating with the Overseers of the poore etc now reports that he has accordingly Treated with the Overseers & for a present Supply to the porre, (they having no money in theire hands,) paid them out of his pocket the sume of Three pounds Sixteen Shillings & Eight pence, which he is to be repaid out of the ffirst money raised.

This Councill being Informed that the bounds of this City is Incrocht vpon, & that tis Suggested that it Terminates Northward on the River Delaware at the Penny Pott house, Whereas it is made appear to this Councill that it Extends to the Runn on this Side Daniel Peggs land & so was at first laid out. It is therefore ordered that the Recorder consider on Some pp & legal Method

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to Assertain the True bounds thereof & report the same at the Next Meeting.

It being Moved in this Councill that that part of the City between Broad Street & Delaware be Grub'd & Clear'd from all its Rubish in order to p'duce English Grass, which would be of great vu & advantage to the Inhabitants keeping Cattle therein, It is ordered that Some pp Method be thought vpon for the doing thereof by Alderman Shippen, Carter, ffrancis Cook & William Lee, who are to report the same at the Next Comon Councill.

The Mayor informs the Councill that he has Waited on the Governour to know w^{t} time he would appoint a Meeting to give his Answer to the Address of the Corporation, & that the Gov^{r} appointed Next Tuesday Night at the houre of ffive, at Ephraim Johnstons. It is therefore ordered that the Mayor, Recorder, Alderman Wilcox, Masters, Stanbury & Jones, do meet the Governour accordingly to have his Answer thereunto.

It is ordered that the Cryer take an Acc^{t} of all the Inhabitants of this City keeping Cows, & give an Acc^{t} of theire Names & Number of Cows they keep vpwards of two years old, at the Next Meeting.

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Att a Comon Councill the 12th of March 1704.
Present

Griffith Jones, Mayor	ffrancis Cook	Comon Council.
David Lloyd, Recorder	John Parsons	
Alderman Morris	Penticost Teague	
Alderman Carter	Wm Lee	
Alderman Stanbury	Nehemiah Allen	
Alderman Jones	Joseph Yard	
	Thomas Griffith	
	James Atkinson	
	John Budd	
	Henry Badcock	
	Robert Yeildhall	

The psons appointed to pus^e & Examine the Ordinance for Determining debts vnder fforty Shillings & to Assertain the officers ffees etc., now Report that they have Examined the same & approve thereof, And the s'd Ordinance being now againe read it is by this Councill Confirm'd & past, Nemine Contradicente, & ordered to be published, & that the first Court shall be kept at the house of Gilbert Wood on Munday Next.

The Recorder psuant to an order of the last Comon Councill brings in an Ordinance for the Regulation of the Watch of this City, which being once Read is Comitted to the pusuall of Alderman Willcox, Carter, John Budd, Jno Parsons, Wm Lee, ffrancis Cook ——— who are to report theire doing therein to the Next Comon Councill.

It is ordered that the Recorder Draw an Ordinance for the Regulation of the Taverns & publick houses of this City, & do bring in the same at the Next Meeting of the Comon Councill.

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The Comitte appointed by the last Councill to Consider of the petison Exhibited by the Coopers, now report that they thinke w^t^ is Contained in the sd petison is very reasonable to be granted, And that there having been large p'gress made by several other Trades the same may be a good president ffor them.

It is ordered that the Mayor, Alderman Carter, John Parsons, John Redman & Penticost Teague, & Abraham Bickley do Treat with some of the Carters of this City for the Carting of Gravell to the Market place, to be paid out of the publick Stock. And do also oversee the work & take Care of the well doing thereof.

It is ordered & agreed that Every Inhabitant of this City keeping Cows of the age of Two years & vpwards shall pay for every such Cow so by them keept, Twelve pence p ann towards the Buying & keeping of the Town Bulls.

It is ordered that Alderman Shippen, Alderman Willcox, Alderman Carter, Wm Lee, Joseph Yard, John Redman & Henry Badcock or some ffour of them, do meet & Consider of the Rates for Carting of goods in this City, & do make theire report at the next Meeting of the Comon Councill.

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Att a Comon Councill the 9th of Aprill 1705.

Present

Griffith Jones, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder
Alderman Stanbury
Alderman Carter
Alderman Jones

Comon Councill.
ffrancis Cook
John Parsons
Henry Badcock
Thomas Pascall
James Atkinson
Joseph Yard
Robert Yeldall
Thomas Griffith
John Redman
Wm Hudson
Jno Budd

James Bingham is this day Admitted a ffreeman, paying for the same 3lb. 2s. 6d, which he accepted & Sign'd.

Saml Savage is Admitted a ffreeman, & pd for the same 1lb. 2s. 6d.

Matthew Robinson is admitted a ffreeman at 2s. 6d.

The p'sons appointed for the Considering of the Rates for Carting of Goods etc having done nothing, are to report at the Next Meeting.

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Att a Comon Councill the first of June 1705.

Present

Griffith Jones, Mayor	John Parsons	Comon Councill.
David Lloyd, Recorder	Penticost Teague	
Alderman Stanbury	Joseph Yard	
Alderman Shippen	Thomas Griffith	
Alderman Carter	Henry Badcock	
Alderman Jones	Robert Yeldhall	
Alderman Masters	John Redman	
	James Atkinson	
	ffrancis Cook	

The psons following are admitted ffreemen

Richard Parker
Thomas Eldridge
Caspar Klimhoof
Thomas Roberts
Thomas Price
Christopher Topham
John Piggott.

It is ordered that Alderman Shippen be Treasurer of this City, who shall receive all & every the sum & sums of Money belonging to this City, from the Collectors of any Tax or Taxes laid & assessed on the Inhabitants of the same for the Repair of Bridges, Dock, Wharfs & Streets, or any other thing for the good & benefit of the s'd City. And shall pay out the same Money as the Common Councill of this City in theire Comon Councill shall direct & appoint, & not otherwise.

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It is ordered by this Councill that the several p'sons hereafter Named be Overseers of the Work & directors of the Repaires of the Respective Wharfs & Bridges of this City. That is to say, Alderman Wilcox & Alderman Jones overseers of the Arch Wharf, Alderman Master & Penticost Teague overseers of the high Street Wharf, Alderman Stanbury & Wm Righton overseers of Chesnutt Street Wharf, Joseph Shippen & Thomas Griffith overseers of the Wallnut Wharf, Alderman Morris & Thomas Murray for Society hill Bridge. Henry Badcock & John Budd for Second Street Bridge, who shall take care of Building & repairing of the s'd Wharfs & Bridges & pay the Workmen out of the Comon Stock from the Treasurer of this City, by him from time to time paid vnto them by order of the Comon Councill.

It is ordered that Thomas Boweden, Collector of the Cow Money, pay into the hands of Edw Shippen, all such Money as he has already Collected for the same, who shall pay the same vnto Henry Badcock & John Budd, the keepers of the Town Bulls, in part of their pay'mt.

It is ordered that Ewd Shippen & John Parsons do Examine Alderman Carters Account Concerning the repair of the Market place & do report the same at the Next Meeting of this Councill.

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Att a Comon Councill the 13th day of July 1705.

Present

Griffith Jones, Mayor	John Parsons	Comon Councill.
David Lloyd, Recorder	ffrancis Cook	
Alderman Shippen	Wm Lee	
Alderman Morris	Wm Hudson	
Alderman Carter	Penticost Teague	
Alderman Stanbury	John Redman	
Alderman Wilcox	James Atkinson	
	Joseph Yard	
	Thomas Griffith	
	Nehemiah Allen	
	Henry Badcock	

Some of the Members of this Corporation having notwithstanding an order of Comon Councill (enjoyning that every Member shall come at the time appointed or within one houre after, on the Penalty of the fforfeiture of Three shillings for every offence) absented themselves & not given theire due attendance, Yet this Councill for reasons not offer'd have remitted to the psons delinquent theire respective forfeitures before to this day, And do Now order that hence forward the sd order shall be duly & Strictly put in Execution.

Alderman Masters, Alderman Jones, Thomas Pascall, John Budd, Edwd Smout, Robt Yeldhall, not appearing at this Councill are ffined 3s. apiece vnless etc

It is ordered that the Recorder, Sherif or any other officer or p'son of this Corporation receiving any Publick Money belonging

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to this Corporation do from time to time account with the Treasurer, who is Impower'd to account with them & discharge them thereof.

The psons vnderwritten are this day admitted freemen & women.

Thomas Coleman, Cordwainer	1lb. 12s. 6d.
Geo Clark, Cordwainer . . .	2lb. 2s. 6d.
Jonothan Assheton	2s. vid.
John Whitecake	1lb. 2s. vid.
John Cadwalader	2s. vid.
ffrancis Johnson	2lb. 2s vid.
Jane Billing	1lb. 2s. 6d.
Mary Cherry	1lb. 2s. 6d.
Kath Bidward	2s. 6d.
James Power	2lb. 2s. 6d.
Rowland Rue	1lb. 2s. 6d.
Eliza Howard	2s vid.
Eliz Willis	2s. vid.
Mary Janney	2s. vid.
Mary Hardeman	2s. vid.
Susanna Reverdil	2s. vid.
ffrances Chaunders	2s. vid.
Edmund Woolley	1lb. 12s. 6d.
John Juson	2s. vid.
Edwd Warding	32s. vid.

It is ordered that Alderman Shippen, Alderman Morris, Alderman Wilcox & John Parsons do Examine what Money has been rec'd from the beginning of this Corporation either by ffines, ffreedoms or otherwise & by whome & how the same has been laid out & disbursed, & make theire Report at the Next Meeting of the Comon Councill.

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It is ordered that Alderman Morris, Alderman Wm Carter, ffrancis Cook & Penticost Teague, do ffix the Quarter day for paym^{t} for the Markett Stalls & Examine w^{t} remains due to the 24th of June last.

It is ordered that Alderman Shippen pay vnto Rich'd Pierce the sume of Nine Pounds fifteen shillings for his Work about the Market place, if he have so much Money of the Stall Money in his hands & if he have not, that he pay the same out of some other publick Money till the Stall Money shall come into his hands.

It is ordered that Alderman Carter & John Parsons do Oversee the Repaire of the old Cage, to be Converted into a Watch house for present occasion. And w^{t} Money shall be Expended about the doing thereof to be paid out of the Treasury.

Att a Comon Councill the 14th of Augst 1705.

Present

Griffith Jones, Mayor	John Parsons	Comon Councill.
David Lloyd, Recorder	ffrancis Cook	
Alderman Shippen	Henry Badcock	
Alderman Stanbury	Thomas Griffith	
Alderman Carter	Robt Yeildhall	
Alderman Jones	Wm Lee	
Alderman Morris	Wm Hudson	
	Joseph Yard	
	Penticost Teague	
	James Atkinson	

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It is ordered that the Treasurer do, out of the Publick stock, Provide Books for the Keeping of his accounts, & that he pvide the same with all Expedition.

The p'sons vnderwritten are admitted ffreemen.

James Estaugh	Daniel Gaunt
Philip Harwood	John Oxley
Jeremiah Ryan	Anthony Yeldall.

Upon the application of the Attorney Gen'al shewing that the City Courts of Q^r^ Sessions does Interfere with some other Courts as well in this Governm^t^ as in West Jersey where his & the other Practicers Business obliges them to Attend, & desires that We would be pleased to alter the dayes of holding the s'd Sessions. It is therefore ordered that the same Courts of Sessions for the future, or vntill the same shall be thought fitt to be altered, shall be held the ffirst Tuesday in the Months of Aprill, July & January, And on the last Tuesday in October.

An Ordinance Intituled an Act for the better ordering & Establishment of the Night Watches within the City of Philad^a^ and precints thereof being Read at this Councill, Pass'd Nemine Contradicente & is ordered to be Ingrossed & Published.

It is agreed that John Andrews be Clerk of the Market & Collector of all publick Moneys belonging to the Corporation, which being p'posed to him he readily accepted and promised to vse his best Endeavours in the discharge thereof.

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Att a Comon Councill 21st Sept 1705.

Present

Griffith Jones, Mayor	Wm Lee	Comon Councill.
David Lloyd, Recorder	Henry Badcock	
Alderman Wilcox	Robt Yeldall	
Alderman Carter	Joseph Yard	
Alderman Jones	John Redman	
Alderman Stanbury	Penticost Teague	
Alderman Masters	Thomas Pascall	
	Thomas Griffith	
	ffrancis Cook	
	James Atkinson	

Alderman Shippen, Morris, Wilcox & John Parsons who were appointed to Examine wt money has been recv'd from the beginning of this Corporation, either by ffines ffreedoms or otherwise, & by whome & how the same has been laid out & disbursed etc having done Nothing therein, Therefore, Alderman Shippen, Willcox, Stanbury Masters, Jones, Penticost Teague & ffrancis Cook, or some foure of them do Examine the same, & that the papers relating therevnto be laid before them by those p'sons in whose hands the same now lye, & that they report theire doing therein at the Next Meeting.

Alderman Carter is continued to See the Repairs of the Watch house, & is also appointed to take Care of the building a pair of Stocks with a Whipping post & pillory with all Expedison, which shall be paid for out of the Treasury.

The Mayor & Recorder p'suant to a former order for the laying out the true bounds of this City, Report that they have appley'd

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themselves to the Com^rs of property to Consert with the Corporation in doing the same, That the Com^rs refus'd to Joyne with the Corporation therein. It is therefore ordered that the Recorder do Consider w^t method may be taken to do the same, & Report it to the Next Meeting.

It is ordered that the Mayor, Recorder, Alderman Willcox (taking along with them such p'sons of the respective Religious p'suations of this City as they shall think p.p.) apply themselves to the Com^rs of Property for a publick piece of Ground in this City for a burying place for Strangers dying in this City, & report their doing therein to the Next Meeting.

Att a Comon Councill 29^th Sept 1705.

Present

Griffith Jones, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Joseph Willcox
- Thos Story
- John Jones
- Wm Carter
- Edwd Shippen
- Nath Stanbury

Comon Councill.
- ffrancis Cook
- Wm Hudson
- Penticost Teague
- Henry Badcock
- Nehemiah Allen
- John Redman
- Robt Yeldhall
- James Atkinson
- Thomas Pascall
- Thomas Griffith

It is ordered that the Recorder & Alderman Story do draw a New Draught of the ffreedome paper, the pe'ent paper having some

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objections ag^{t} it, & that they p'sent the same at the Next Meeting or the Meeting following.

It is ordered that a Bill now p'duced by the Mayor amounting to the sume of 06^{lb}. 00^{s} 3^{d}½, being Money by him disbursed vpon the publick business of this City, be allow'd to him & paid out of the Treasury.

It is ordered that the Beadle & Constables of this City Give notice to the ffreemen of the same to appeare on Munday Morning at the houre of Eight, to be inform'd of theire priviledges as to Elections of theire Representatives to serve in General Assembly for this City for the year Ensuing.

At a Comon Councill the 1st of October 1705.

Present

Griffith Jones, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder
Alderman Story
Alderman Willcox
Alderman Morris
Alderman Jones
Alderman Carter
Alderman Masters
ffrancis Cook
Henry Badcock
Penticost Teague
John Budd
Tho Griffith
James Atkinson
Nehemiah Allen
John Redman
Joseph Yard

P'sons this day admitted ffreemen
Richard Tucker
James Boyden.

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Att a Comon Councill on Tuesday 2d of October 1705.

Present

Griffith Jones, Mayor	ffrancis Cook	Comon Councill.
David Lloyd, Recorder	John Redman	
Alderman Story	Joseph Yard	
Alderman Stafibury	Wm Hudson	
Alderman Morris	James Atkinson	
Alderman Willcox	Thomas Griffith	
Alderman Shippen	Thomas Pascall	
Alderman Jones	Robt Yeildhall	
Alderman Carter	Nehemiah Allen	
	Wm Lee	
	John Budd	
	Penticost Teague	

Persons this day Admitted ffreemen

Joshua Carpenter	2s. vid.
Samuel Hall	2s. vid.
Wm Beveridge	32s. vid.

Persuant to the business of the day this Comon Councill went to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing year, and Alderman Wilcox was Elected Mayor by Eighteen votes.

Samuel Richardson is Elected an Alderman of this City, Nemine Contradicente.

Joshua Carpenter
Abram Bickley
Thomas Bradford
John Webb . . .
} Are Elected Comon Councill Men.

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Att a Comon Councill the 8th of October 1705.

Present

Comon Councill.

ffrancis Cook
Henry Badcock
John Redman
Joshua Carpenter
Wm Lee
Wm Hudson
Edwd Smout
Joseph Yard
Thomas Bradford
Abram Bickley
Nehemiah Allen
Penticost Teague
Thomas Pascall
James Atkinson

Joseph Willcox, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder
Alderman Shippen
Alderman Story
Alderman G Jones
Alderman Masters
Alderman Carter

Joshua Carpenter, Abram Bickley, Thomas Bradford & John Webb appear'd in Councill this day, & were there Qualified by the Mayor.

It is ordered that Alderman Story do Examine & Settle the Printers Account, & do make his report thereof at the Next Meeting.

It is ordered that the City Seal, Weights & Scales, & any other things in the hands of the late Mayor belonging to the Corporation, be delivered by him to the p'sent Mayor.

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Att a Comon Council 29th of December 1705.

Present

Joseph Willcox, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder

Comon Councill.

ffrancis Cook
Henry Badcock
Joshua Carpenter
Penticost Teague
Joseph Yard
James Atkinson
John Budd
Thomas Bradford
Abraham Bickley
John Webb
Thomas Griffith
Robt Yeldall
Edward Smout
Wm Hudson

Alderman Shippen
Alderman Story
Alderman G. Jones
Alderman J. Jones
Alderman Carter

Alderman Story being appointed by the last Council to Examine & settle the Printers account, Reports that this Corporation is indebted to the printer Remier Janson the sume of fforty shillings, which the Treasurer is ordered to pay forthwith & take his Receipt in full.

Richard Roberts having worked at raising the ground in the Market place, for which there is due to him three shillings & sixpence, the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same and take his Receipt for the same.

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Ordered that an Ordinance be drawn by the Recorder & Alderman Story for restraining those that are not admitted freemen of this City to keep open Shops, or be master workmen, and that the freedom paper be altered according to an order of this Board the 29th of Sbr. last, and bring the same to the next meeting.

Ordered That Aldermen Griffith, Jones, John Jones & Saml Richardson do treat with Humphrey Murrey abt the Standard Weights, and that they may either buy or borrow them, And make report to the next Council.

A petition of Jon Crapp for an Ordinance to incourage him In setting up a publick slaughter house, and settling the rates of Killing Cattle, &c., was read.

Ordered that due care be taken to prevent all Nusances that may be occasioned by Slaughter houses, that may be offensive to any of the Inhabitants, And that the petitioners Slaughter house may be recommended for killing Cattle & hoggs, as well as gutting of quantities of shad and other ffish, and that the pt may be at liberty to treat with those that have occasion to make vse of his Slaughter house, and let him and them agree to adjust the Rates vpon that account.

Ordered That all Bonds hereafter to be taken for indemnifying the City from the Charge that may accrue by Strangers coming in, shall be taken for saving the Town harmless from charge During the space of seven years next after ye Date of every such obligation, And that the Town Clerk prepare a fform of a Bond to be taken for that purpose, and bring the same to the next Councill.

Richard Ehosod is appointed the Wood Corder of this City, & took his affirmation to discharge the same, & is allow'd ffive pence pr Cord for Cording.

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The psons ffollowing took out their ffredoms this day
Robt Burrow
Wm Hall
Caleb Ramstead
Wm Bawler
Richd Gone
Joseph Drinker.

Ordered That the Treasurer pay to Solomon Cresson 10^{s}. for the making of 12 Watchmen Staves, & 2 Constable Staves, And also Nine shillings to Enoch Story for the pointing of three Cunstable staves.

It is ordered that the Recorder & Alderman Story do draw vp a Remonstrance to be presented to the Gov^{r} by the Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen, concerning the ffines imposed on Criminalls Convict in the City Court, stopt in the hands of the sherif by the Gov^{r}, as the sheriff now Informs this Councill, as also the County Justices, them trying and determining of matters ariseing within the City, & of all other things which may be reckoned greiveous.

The defaulters are all fin'd according to Ordinance.

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Att a Comon Councill held the 29th of Aprill 1706.

Present
Joseph Wilcox, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder

Comon Councill.

Penticost Teague
Robt Yeldall
James Atkinson
ffrancis Cook
Thomas Bradford
John Webb
Thomas Griffith
Joseph Yard
Thomas Pascall
Joshua Carpenter
John Redman

Alderman Shippen
Alderman G. Jones
Alderman John Jones
Alderman Morris
Alderman Carter
Alderman Stanbury

Persons admitted ffreemen
Joseph Claypoole

Ordered that the Recorder, Alderman Story and Robt Assheton do draw a new draught of a City Charter, & incert therein such priviledges as the psent Charter are deficient in, in order to be sent to be propry for his Concurrence and passing the same. And that the same psns ------ do also draw a draught of a Letter to the Propry to goe with the same Charter. And that the Aldermen & Comon Council do pay down the present Charge of the Charter draught &c to be paid out of the first money in the Treasurers hands. And that a Copy of the sd Letter be sent to some pson in London to Sollicit the same with the propry by Alderman Shippen & Alderman G. Jones.

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The psons appointed to Examine the Acct^s of this Corporation by an Order of y^e 21 of Sept. last, not having done any thing therein, therefor Aldermen Shippen, G. Jones, Stanbury, Masters, John Jones, Penticost Teague & ffrancis Cook, or some 4 are now appointed who are to Examine the sd acct^s & bring them in at the next meeting of the Comon Councill.

Alderman Griffith, Jones, John Jones & Saml Richardson having bought Sevall brass Weights, being in y^e whole 112^l, of Humphrey Murray, for the vse of the Corporason, and having given theire bill or note for the mony to the sd Murray, being in the whole Twelve pounds Twelve shillings or thereabouts. It is therefore ordered that the sd Griffith Jones, John Jones & Saml Richardson be repaid out of the Publick Stock of this Corporason, and this Corporason Indemynifie them & every of them from all Costs & damages that come vpon them by reason of theire being obliged as aforesd, & that they have the Corporasons obligation for the same.

Ordered that an Ordinance be drawn to prevent the Inhabitants Entertaining Inmates, & brought to the next Councill.

Ordered that an Ordinance be drawn for the Restraining the number of Doggs in this City, & to prevent theire running at Large — & that the Cryer goe about in the meantime to give notice to the Inhabitants to keep vp their Doggs.

Ordered that Alderman G. Jones & Joshua Carpenter do forthwith Cause the Warr^t from the Com^rs to be Executed by Imploying a Surveyer to lay out the Ground for a burying place in the sd Warr^t mentioned, & do also peure the Com^s patent for the same.

It is ordered that whatever pson or psons are willing to advance mony for the building or Repairing of Wharfs, Bridges or the

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Mending of any publick breaches in the Streets of this City (they having ffirst the magistrates Lycence or approbason for the same) they shall be repaied out of the ffirst money raised in this City for the repairing of the Streets & Wharfs & Bridges within the same, or by theire discounting the same in theire Taxes.

Ordered that Richard Reeve & Wm Carter be paid the mony due to them out of the first mony in the Treasurers hands.

Ordered that the Beadle Collect from the Inhabitants of this City the sum of 9^{d} for every milch cow by them kept, towards the keeping of the Town Bulls, & pay the same to the Treasurer.

Att a Comon Councill the 15th of May 1706.

Present

Joseph Willcox, Mayor

David Lloyd, Recorder

Comon Councill.

John Redman
Joshua Carpenter
John Webb
Thomas Griffith
Abram Bickley
Henry Badcock
Joseph Yard
Thomas Bradford
William Hudson
Nehemiah Allen
James Atkinson

Alderman Shippen
Alderman G. Jones
Alderman Stanbury
Alderman Masters

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Whereas the Govr having recd an Express from the Govr of Maryland of sevall vessells lately seen some few legues off the Capes of Virginia, & two of them Chasing & ffiring sevall Shotts at an English vessell bound to Virginia or Maryland, which are Suspected to be ffrench vessells, & pbably may have a designe vpon some of the Queens Colonies. It is therefore ordered that the watch of this City be carefully and duly kept, and that the Constables at their pill take Care of the same, & in Case their appeare any show or danger of the Enemy, that they give the Alarum by Ringing the Market Bell & that every night one of the Aldermen see the Watch set & see that two Constables be sett thereupon till further order.

Att a Comon Councill 12th of July 1706.

Present

Joseph Willcox, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder
Alderman Shippen
Alderman Morris
Alderman G. Jones
Alderman Stanbury
Alderman Carter

Comon Councill.

Thomas Griffith
John Redman
Thomas Bradford
John Budd
ffrancis Cook
Henry Badcock
Penticost Teague
John Webb
Nehemiah Allen
Joseph Yard
Edwd Smout
Joshua Carpenter
Robt Yeldhall
Thomas Pascall
Wm Hudson
Ab Bickley

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A Draught of a New Charter of this City in order to bee sent the Propry for his passing, was this day read. Ordered that the same with its Amendm^ts^ be Read again at the Next Meeting.

Alderman Shippen & Morris, Thomas Bradford, John Redman, Joseph Yard & John Budd are appointed to view the Society Hill Bridge & report the Charge to build the same with wood or with stone, & which will be best.

An Address of the Mayor & Comonalty of this City in Answer to the Gov^rs^ Order for Suppressing of vice & disorders in Publick houses was read & past, Nemine Contradicente, & is ordered to be Ingrost.

Att a Comon Councill 13^th^ July 1706.

Present
Joseph Willcox, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder

Wm Hudson
Abram Bickley
ffrancis Cook
Henry Badcock
Robt Yeildall
Joseph Yard
Thomas Griffith
John Budd
John Redman

Alderman Shippen
Alderman Morris
Alderman G. Jones
Alderman Story
Alderman Stanbury
Alderman Carter

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Ordered that the Mayor, Recorder, Alderman Shippen, Alderman Story & Alderman G. Jones in behalf of the Corporation do present the Address Read & approved of yesterday & now signed, to the Governour on Munday next, or some other Convenient opportunity.

Ordered that the new draught of the Charter be Ingrost with its Amendm^{ts}.

Att a Comon Councill on Tuesday the ffirst of October 1706.

Present

Joseph Willcox, Mayor	Joshua Carpenter	Comon Councill.
David Lloyd, Recorder	Wm Hudson	
Alderman Griffith Jones	Thomas Griffith	
Alderman Story	Penticost Teague	
Alderman Masters	John Redman	
Alderman Stanbury	ffrancis Cook	
Alderman Carter	James Atkinson	
	Thomas Pascall	
	Joseph Yard	
	Nehemiah Allen	
	John Budd	
	Abram Bickley	
	Henry Badcock	
	John Webb	
	Wm Lee	

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The Mayor, Aldermen & Comon Councill (peuant to the Business of the day) went to the Election of Mayor for the year Ensuing, and Alderman Thomas Story was Elected Mayor for the next year.

Alderman Story refusing to accept of the office of Mayor, therefore his is fined by this Comon Councill the sume of twenty pounds.

This Councill precded to another vote for the Election of the Mayor, and Alderman Nathan Stanbury was elected by a Majority of Votes, who accepted thereof.

Att a Comon Councill the Eleventh of October 1706.

Present

Nathan Stanbury, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder
Edwd Shippen
Griffith Jones
Joseph Willcox

Joshua Carpenter
Wm Hudson
Thomas Bradford
Abram Bickley
Joshua Carpenter
Joseph Yard
Robt Yeildhall
John Webb
Henry Badcock
Thomas Pascall
John Budd

The peons appointed to Examine the acc^{ts} of this Corporason by an order of the Twenty ninth of Aprill last, are continued, & are to report at the Next Meeting.

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Ordered that the Minute for the Corparasons giving an obligason to the psons who bought the Weights &c be immediately pformd.

Ordered that Wm Lee, Ab Bickley, John Budd, Robt Yeldhall, Tho Griffith, Penticost Teague do draw the heads of such Matters & things as may Necessary & Convenient for the Good of this City, to be delivered to the Representatives of this City, in Assembly, to present to the house.

Ordered that the psons appointed to examine the City Accts do with all Convenient Expedison Examine the same, but more particularly John Andrews & John ffurings accts about the Tax, etc.

The Mayor offering to advance money for the Repaire of the fframe of the Town Bull, It is ordered that Alderman Shippen & Thomas Bradford do view the fframe & take the best measures for the doing the same, And that the Mayor be repaid out of the Treasury of this City.

It is ordered that the late Mayor, Joseph Wilcox, do deliver into the hands of the present Mayor, the City Seal & Screw, & all the ffredome papers.

Ordered that an Ordinance be Drawn for laying a Small duty vpon wood, etc, landed vpon the public Wharfs of this City.

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Att a Comon Councill the 13th January 1706.

Present

Nathan Stanbury, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder
Griff Jones
John Jones
Wm Carter

Comon Councill.
Joshua Carpenter
Abram Bickley
Wm Hudson
Penticost Teague
Thomas Bradford
Joseph Yard
Thomas Griffith
Robt Yeldhall
John Webb
Henry Badcock

The psons formerly appointed to Examine the Citys accts having done nothing, therefore Alderman Wilcox, Alderman Shippen, Master, G. Jones, John Jones, Joshua Carpenter, Penticost Teague and ffrancis Cook, or some three of them, do Examine the same, & Report at the next meeting.

The psent Mayor certifies to this Councill that he has recd from his predecessor the City Seale & Screw & ffreedom papers.

Wm Carter, Thomas Masters, Joseph Yard & John Redman, are appointed to view the Hollow in the head of Chesnutt Street Crossing the ffifth street, & take the Best methods for making good the same & giving the water a ffree passage.

Griff Jones & Joshua Carpenter report that they have procured the ground for a Burying place, to be Surveyed by virtue of a warrt granted by the Commrs of Property, & that a return is made into the Surveyor Generals office. It is therefore now ordered that

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the same psons do apply to the Commrs for a patent for the same. And before the same be Ingrossd, that the Recorder have the perusal of the Rough Draught.

The petition of John Dodd in the Behalf of Thomas Raymond, praying that this Comon Councill would be pleased to remit some part of the said Raymonds ffine, who was fined the last City Court 9£ for comitting ffornication with one Eliza Owen. And this Councill having considered the said question, do refuse to remitt any pte of the sd ffine, but forasmuch as John Dodd acknowledges that he has Six pounds of the said Raymonds in his hands, which he is willing to pay, It is therefore ordered that the Recorder receive the same, and the sd Dodds note for ffour pounds, to be paid at the sd Raymonds arrivall at this port.

The Recorder pducs a note for 5lb. signed by Elizabeth Owen, being the remainder of 9£ Imposed vpon her as a fine for comitting ffornication with Tho Raymond, which the said Owen was in Expectation this Councill would be pleased to remitt. And this Councill having taken the same into theire considerason, Do order that the sd note be kept in the Recorders hand till further order be given therein by the Comon Councill.

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Att a Comon Councill the 8th of March 1706.

Present

Nathan Stanbury, Mayor	Wm Hudson
David Lloyd, Recorder	ffrancis Cook
Alderman Griff Jones	Penticost Teague
Alderman Richardson	Joshua Carpenter
Alderman Shippen	Wm Lee
	Abram Bickley
	Nehemiah Allen
	Thomas Bradford
	John Redman

Alderman G. Jones being one of the p'sons appointed to Examine the Cities Accts, now reports that they have Examined the accts & p'fected the same, & that they now remain in the hands of the Treasurer.

It is ordered & agreed that if Joshua Carpenter be willing to take a Lease of the New Burying Ground lately granted to this City Corporason, that he have y^e^ same for 21 years at the rent of p. Ann, he fenceing the same & from time to time Enlarging the ground as there shall be occasion for Roome to bury in.

Alderman Shippen is added to the psons appointed last Councill for the making good & passible the hollow at the head of Chesnutt street.

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Att a Comon Councill 21st July 1707.

Present

Nathan Stanbury, Mayor	Thomas Pascall
David Lloyd, Recorder	ffrancis Cook
Alderman Morris	Wm Hudson
Alderman John Jones	Robt Yeldhall
Alderman Carter	Edward Smout
Alderman Master	John Webb
	John Redman
	Thomas Griffith
	Joseph Yard
	Thomas Bradford
	Joshua Carpenter

Wm. Carter & Robt Yeldhall are appointed Collectors of the Rents of the Stalls, & are to be allowed 1s. p. pound for theire trouble.

Ordered that Eliz Owen pay the ffive pounds for which she has given her Note to Mr. Lloyd, for this Councill refuses to remit it, or any pte of it.

Eliz Owen's Note .	£5lb.	0s.	0d	Ordered that vnless the Sevall psons pay the sumes for wch they are Engaged on Demand that they be put in suite for the same.
Wm Rakestraw . .	3	4	0	
Edwd Waring . .	1	10	0	
Tho Betson . . .	2	2	6	
John Williams . .	1	2	6	
Wm Blaubledge . .	0	10	0	
John Dodd p Raymond	4	0	0	

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Daniel Gaunt . . .	1lb.	12s.	6d	John Mifflin	1. 2. 6
Phil Harwood . . .	2	2	6	John Test	0. 2. 6
Jos Bird	1	2	11	Jer Osborn	0. 2. 6
Jacob May	0	2	11	Tho Toby	0. 2. 11
Tho Rubson . . .	1	0	0		
Jno Watson . . .	1	2	11		
Saml parker . . .	1	0	0		
Tho hute	0	16	6		

Mr. Lloyds Acct was Exhibited, the ballance to witt One hundred & three pounds Eight shill & Eleven pence was allowd by this Councill.

The prsons appointed to Inspect & settle ye City Accts, make Report that

The Ballance of Wm Carters Acct being Ten pounds nine shill & six pence, is allowd by this Councill.

The Ballance of Griff Jones Acct being ffive pounds ffour shill & Nine pence, is allow'd by this Councill.

That there's due from John ffuring, late Sheriff to this City, the sume of

That there's due from Thomas ffarmer, late Sheriff, the sum of 29l. 16s. 1d.

That theres due from John Andrews the sume of 11l. 10s.

That there's due from Benj Wright, late Sheriff, to this Corporason

That there's due to John Jones from this Corporason 8s. iid.

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Ordered that the Mayor signe & Execute Joshua Carpenters lease for the Burying Ground so soon as the same is drawn, & that the Rent reserved be 1s. p Ann, if demanded.

John parker is appointed Clerk of the Market, & officer for Regulating Weights & Measures.

Att a Comon Councill 15th September 1707.

Present

Aldermen:
Nath Stanbury, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder
Ewd Shippen
Griff Jones
Wm Carter

Common Council.
ffrancis Cook
Thomas Pascall
Joseph Yard
Tho Bradford
Wm Hudson
John Budd
Abm Bickley
Hen Badcock
Tho Griffith
John Redman
John Webb

Joseph Griffin is Admitted ffreeman.

Alderman Wm Carter pduces a note on acct of moneys by him recd from sev'all psons in pte for Stall Rents, amounting in the whole to Twelve pounds, And there being due to him from the Corporaton Eleven pounds four shillings, he is to deduct out of the same, & to pay the Ballance, viz: Sixteen shillings, to the Recorder in pte of his Acct. And alderman Carter is desired to Continue Collector of the Stall Rents due last June, wch he accepted.

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Joseph Griffin now Comes and petitions that he may be made Clerk of the Market of this City, & officer for the Regulating of Weights & Measures. And he is accepted of, and is also appointed Collector of the Stall Rents from June last.

The Mayor & Alderman Carter offer to discharge Griffith Jones & the rest who are abliged to Humrey Murray for the Weights, & to take them into theire hands for the vse of the Corporason, they paying for the same, or Interest till the value be paid.

Ordered that the Cryer pay w^{t} mony he has collected for the Cows to John Budd, & that John Budd Examine his Acc^{ts} & report at meeting.

Att a Comon Councill the 7th October 1707.

Present

Aldermen.
- Nathan Stanbury, Mayor
- David Lloyd, Recorder
- Griffith Jones
- John Jones
- Wm Carter
- Anthony Morris
- Joseph Willcox
- Samuel Richardson

Comon Councill.
- ffrancis Cook
- Thomas Pascall
- John Redman
- Thomas Griffith
- Joseph Yard
- Henry Badcocke
- Joshua Carpenter
- Wm Lee
- Thomas Bradford
- John Webb
- Wm Hudson
- Nehemiah Allen
- Robt Yeldhall
- Edw Smout

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The Aldermen & Comon Councill, (psuant to the business of the day,) went to the Election of a Mayor for the year Ensuing, And Alderman Masters is Elected Mayor, nemine Contradicente, who accepted thereof.

Samuel Hall
John McComb } are Elected Comon Councill men.

Att a Comon Councill the 24th of November 1707.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder
Ewd Shippen
Nathan Stanbury
Wm Carter
Anthony Morris
William Hudson
Tho Griffith
John Redman
Joshua Carpenter
Joseph Yard
Thomas Bradford
John Budd
Henry Badcock
Robt Yeldhall
Wm Lee.

It is ordered that Alderman Carter Receive the mony recd by John Jones, or any other pson for the Stall Rents, & he having brought in acct of sev'al psons who refuse to pay, therefor all lawful wayes be taken to force the psons that refuse to pay, And when he receives the same to be paid into the hands of the Recorder towards his acct.

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Att a Comon Councill the 30th of March 1708.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor	John Redman
David Lloyd, Recorder	Thomas Griffith
Alderman Shippen	Joshua Carpenter
Alderman Willcox	Saml Hall
Alderman Carter	Thomas Pascall
Alderman G. Jones	John Webb
Alderman Stanbury	Henry Badcoke
	Thomas Bradford
	Joseph Yard.

Ordered that the Govr be petitioned by the Corporason to pass a Law the Next meeting of the Assembly for the building of a Court house in this City, and that the Warrt Issued out by the County Justices to raise a Tax in this City, may for the present be Stopt.

The Lease from the Corporason to Joshua Carpenter for the New bury ground was now read, & was agreed to be Sign'd by the Mayor in the Name of the whole, & the City Seal to be affix'd.

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Att a Comon Councill the 12th of July 1708.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor
David Lloyd, Recorder
Alderman Shippen
Alderman Jones
Alderman Stanbury
Alderman Morris
Alderman Carter

Abram Bickley
Joshua Carpenter
Saml Hall
Henry Badcock
ffrancis Cook
Nehemiah Allen
Wm Hudson
Wm Lee
Joseph Yard
Thomas Griffith
Thomas Bradford
Robt Yeldall
John Webb.

Mr. Lloyd, the present Recorder, acquainting this Councill that his own affaires will not p'mit him to Attend the business of Recorder of the City, & desires another pson may be Elected in his Roome, whereapon this Councill proceded to a New Choice, And elected Edward Shippen, Nemine Contradicente.

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Att a Comon Councill the 3d of Augt 1708.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor	Joshua Carpenter
Alderman Shippen	ffrancis Cook
Alderman Morris	John Budd
Alderman Jones	Wm Hudson
Alderman Wilcox	Abram Bickley
Alderman Stanbury	John Webb
Alderman Carter	John Redman
	Tho Griffith
	Wm Lee
	Robt Yeldall
	Henry Badcock
	Joseph Yard.

Edward Shippen declining to Accept of the office of Recordr of this City, this Councill p'ceeded to a New Election, & elected Robt Assheton, Nemine Contradicente.

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At a Comon Councill the 5th October 1708.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Griffith Jones
- Joseph Willcox
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter
- Samuel Richardson

Common Councill.
- Wm Hudson
- Abraham Bickley
- Nehemiah Allen
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Griffith
- John Webb
- John Budd
- ffrancis Cook
- Henry Badcocke
- John Redman
- William Lee
- Thomas Bradford

The Aldermen & Comon Councill (pursuant to the business of the Day) went to the Eleecon of a Mayor for the year ensueing, and Thomas Masters, Mayor for the last year, is Elected Mayor by ffourteen votes.

George Roch is Elected by the majority of votes for an Alderman, Richard Hill is Elected, nemine contradiente, for an Alderman, Samuel preston is Elected, nemine Contradicente, for an Alderman, Isaac Norris is Elected, nemine contradicente, for an Alderman.

They & every of them taking out their ffreedom before Qualificacon, & not otherwise.

- Henry Flowor
- Peter Stretch
- David Griffine
- George Claypools

are Elected of the Comon Councill, nemine Contradicente.

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They & every of them taking out their ffreedom (If not already done) before Qualification, and not otherwise.

Att a Comon Councill the 19th November 1708.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Griffith Jones
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter
- Richard Hill
- Samuel Preston

Comon Councill.
- ffrancis Cook
- William Lee
- John Budd
- Thomas Griffith
- Joseph Yard
- Henry flower
- David Griffing
- Peter Stretch
- Henry Badcock

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Att a Comon Councill y^{e} 22^{d} Novemb 1708.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder
Anthony Morris
Nathan Stanbury
William Carter
Samuel Richardson
} Aldermen.

Joshua Carpenter
ffrancis Cook
John Webb
William Hudson
Joseph Yard
Thomas Griffith
David Giffing
Thomas Bradford
peter Stretch
Edward Smout
Henry Badcock
} Comon Councill.

Ordered That an Act of Assembly of this Government for preventing accidents that may happen by ffire, be put in Execuson within this City. And also that Constables of this City vpon the firing of any Chimney out at the Top, in their Respective Wards, & the Beadle of the sd City do forthwith give notice thereof to some Magistrate of this City.

Ordered that an Ordinance be drawn for y^{e} preventing of people Galloping Horses, & also Carters Riding in their Carts & Drays, and excessive driving the same in any of the Streets of this City.

Ordered that a New Market house be built (where the Stalls now Stand,) by this corporaton to be Let out by the Corporaton for y^{e} vse & benefit thereof. And that the mony to be raised for Building the same be referred to the next Comon Councill.

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Thomas prior is appointed to be Clerk of the Market, The Searcher & Packer of fflour & Bread to be Shipt off, & Regulator of the Weights & Measures within this City, who came & accepted thereof.

Att a Comon Councill y^e^ 4^th^ ffeb^ry^ 1708–9.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Griffith Jones
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter
- Richard Hill

Comon Councill.
- Joshua Carpenter
- ffrancis Cooke
- John Webb
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Griffith
- William Hudson
- David Giffing
- John Redman
- Abraham Bickley
- Thomas Bradford
- Penticost Teague
- William Lee
- Henry Badcocke
- Henry fflower
- Peter Stretch

The Mayor & Joshua Carpenter are requested to Consider what length & Extent may be proper for the Building of the new Market House. And how much money may be required to finish the same, & lay it before the Next Councills.

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Ordered that the arrears of Rent due for the Stalls, be immediately collected by the Clerk of the Market. And that a Pillory, Stocks & Whipping Post be built & be paid for out of the same.

An Ordinance to prevent the Galloping of Horses & the Excessive driving of Carts &c in the Streets of this City, was read and ordered to be Ingrossed.

Ordered that a former Order of this Board be Strictly put in Execucon against Such of this Board as shall not appear in Comon Councill according to the said Order.

Att a Comon Councill y^e^ 7^th^ ffeb^ry^ 1708--9.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder
Griffith Jones
Nathan Stanbury
William Carter
Edward Shippen
Richard Hill
} Aldermen.

Thomas Bradford
William Hudson
Abraham Bickley
Joseph Yard
Edward Smout
Thomas Griffith
John Redman
John Budd
Peter Stretch
ffrancis Cook

Ordered that John Blayney with the Assistance of Aldermen Shippen enter the accou^ts^ of the Corporacon in a Book for that purpose to be provided.

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Att a Comon Council y^e^ 11^th^ ffeb^ry^ 1708–9.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor	ffrancis Cooke
Robert Assheton, Recorder	William Hudson
Edward Shippen	Abraham Bickley
Griffith Jones	Thomas Griffith
Richard Hill	Peter Stretch
William Carter	Penticost Teage
Nathan Stanbury	Joseph Yard
	John Redman
	Edward Smoutt
	John Webb
	Robert Yeldall
	David Giffing.

It was moved by Alderman Hill for a grant of the Water Lotts, Swamp & Dock at the South End of the Town going to Society Hill. He was therefore Ordered to bring his Draught & Proposal and lay them before the Next Council.

Ordered that this Corporacon do treat the Governour as usual upon the arrival of new Governours. And that the Treasurer defray the Charge out of the Publick Money.

The persons underwritten not appearing in Comon Council are ffined each 3^s^ pursuant to an Ordinance of this Board.

Anthony Morris
Joseph Willcox
Nehemiah Allen
William Lee
John Budd

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Henry Badcoke
Thomas Bradford
Joshua Carpenter

The persons following not appearing at the hour paid each 3s, in all 24s.

Griffith Jones
Nathan Stanbury
William Carter
Penticost Teage
Joseph Yard
John Webb
Robert Yeldall
David Giffing

Whereof p'd the Reckoning to Mr. Dodd - - - - - £ — 12 : 9.
The Remainder being 11 : 3
p'd to the Recorder £1. 4. —

Att a Comon Council y^e 15^th March 1708–9.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor	John Redman
Robert Assheton, Recorder	William Hudson
Anthony Morris	Pentecoste Teage
Griffith Jones	Thomas Griffith
Joseph Willcox	Joseph Yard
Nathan Stanbury	Abraham Bickley
William Carter	ffrancis Cooke
Samuel Preston	Thomas Bradford
Richard Hill	Henry Badcocke
Edward Shippen	David Giffing
Samuel Richardson	John Webb
	William Lee
	John Budd
	Joshua Carpenter & Peter Stretch

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Thomas Bradford, William Lee, Joshua Carpenter, John Budd & Joseph Willcox being last Council (among others) ffined for their not appearing at the hour now came & offered their Excuses, so that they are cleared of their respective ffines by majority of Votes.

Anthony Morris & Henry Badcocke being at last Council fined for not appearing as above, having offered their Excuses, were continued ffined by vote. Henry Badcock p^{d} 3^{s}.

Nehemiah Allen, Edward Smout not appearing in Council this day are fined each 3^{s}.

Ordered that Abraham Bickley & Thomas Bradford do settle the price of the Stocks &c., wth the Builders thereof, & give it in to the Mayor.

Abraham Bickley, W^{m} Lee, Jn^{o} Budd & ffrancis Cook being fined for not appearing at the Hour adjourned to the Afternoon, paid each 3^{s}. £ — 12^{s}.

Penticost Teage & Henry Badcocke not appearing at the Hour adjourned to the Afternoon, are fined each 3^{s}.

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Att a Comon Council y^{e} 25th July 1709.

Present

Thomas Masters, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder
Nathan Stanbury
Richard Hill
Wm Carter
Samuel Preston
John Webb
John Budd
Wm Lee
Thomas Griffith
Joshua Carpenter
Peter Stretch
Joseph Yard
William Hudson
Henry Badcoke
John Redman
Abraham Bickley.

The peticon of Edw^{d} Shippen, jun^{r}, praying that this Comon Council would please to remitt unto him Seven pounds Ten shillings, or Some part thereof, being a fine laid upon him last City Sess for an Ass^{t} & battery committed on the Body of Tho^{s} Clark, Esq^{e}. was Read, And upon Consideracon of the s^{d} peticon, This Council doth remit unto him three pounds fifteen shillings of the afores^{d} Seven pounds Ten shillings, provided that he pay down the remaining three pounds fifteen shillings within Ten days, Otherwise the whole ffine to be Levied.

The peticon of severall of the Inhabitants, Shop keepers of this City, to prevent people selling m^{e}chandize in Market, was read & Ordered to lay on the Table.

The Magistrates of this Corporacon having laid before this Council The Request of Thomas M^{c}nemara, to have all further prosecution stopt on the Indictment, & the Recognizances ag^{t} him ffor

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that he has an immediate Call for Great Braitain. This Council doth Consent That the Magistrates may take such Measures as to them shall seem meet in the premisses so that this Corporacon be clear of all manner of Charge or Costs of suit.

The Building of the new Market House being thought by this Council to be of great service to the Town & Beneficial to the Corporacon, 'twas put the vote how mony should be raised for the doing thereof And it was voted that Seven Aldermen shall Contribute & pay double what the Comon Councilmen should do.

The Persons following not appearing at the Hour were fined each 3^{s}.

The Mayor	p^{d} ⅓	8^{s} p^{d} John Dodd
Richard Hill	p^{d} ⅔	
Nathan Stanbury	p^{d} ⅓	
Abraham Bickley	p^{d} ⅔	

The persons not appearing at all this day are fined each 3^{s}.

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At a Comon Council y^e^ 15^th^ Aug^t^ 1709.

Present

Thomas Master, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recader
Griffith Jones
Anthony Morris
Samuel Richardson
William Carter
Richard Hill
Samuel Preston
Edward Shippen
Penticost Teague
Abraham Bickley
David Giffine
Joshua Carpenter
Thomas Bradford
Joseph Yard
William Lee
William Hudson
Henry Badcock
ffrancis Cook
John Redman
Peter Stretch
Nehemiah Allen
John Webb
Thomas Griffith.

Ordered that this Corporacon do Address the Assembly to have leave to bring in a Bill for Confirmacon of the City Charter, And that the Mayor, Recorder & Alderman Shippen, do attend the House with the same to morrow.

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Att a Comon Councill the 4th of October 1709.

present

Thomas Masters, Mayor
Robt Assheton, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Edwd Shippen
- Griffith Jones
- Nathan Stanbury
- Wm Carter
- Anthony Morris
- Saml Preston

Comon Councill.
- Penticost Teague
- Thomas Bradford
- Joseph Yard
- Edw Smout
- Peter Stretch
- Abraham Bickley
- Wm Lee
- Joshua Carpenter
- Henry Badcock
- John Webb
- Thomas Griffith
- Henry fflower
- Nehemiah Allen
- Wm Hudson

This Comon Councill (psuant to the Business of the Day) preceded to the Election of a Mayor for the year Ensuing, & Alderman Hill was Elected Mayor by ffourteen votes, of wch he Accepted.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL,

1710 TO 1718.

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At a Comon Council y^e^ 22^d^ May 1710.

Present

Richard Hill, Mayor	Henry Badcocke
Robert Assheton, Recorder	John Redman
Griffith Jones	Joshua Carpenter
Thomas Masters	Abraham Bickley
Nathan Stanbury	Penticost Teage
Samuel Preston	John Webb
Edwd Shippen	Thomas Griffith
Anthony Morris	Joseph Yard
Wm Carter	Thomas Bradford
	Peter Stretch.

The members of this Board having now unanimously agreed that a new market House Shall be built with all expedicon, for the better Accomodacon of the Inhabitants, to be lett out to the Butchers by this Corporacon at a certain annual rent for each Stall, to be paid quarterly. For the doing thereof the s^d^ members have Subscribed the several sums adjoyning to their names, which s^d^ sums are to be repaid them out of the s^d^ rents, Share & Share alike, until they be repaid with Interest. It is therefore ordered that Alderman Masters & Joshua Carpenter de set out the ground, contrive the Building, & pay the Workmen. And that the Severall Subscribers pay the respective Sums by them Subscribed unto the Mayor, one half in Mony, & the other half in Goods, within Tenn Days. And that the Mayor do pay the Overseers of the Work as Occasion may require. And if any others Inhabitants of this City, not members of this Board, will Subscribe to the doing the same, Such person or persons shall be repaid in manner and form aforesd.

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Ordered That Thomas Pryor do exhibit the acc^{ts} of the Rents of the Market Stalls unto Alderman Carter & Penticost Teage, within five days next ensueing, Who are to make up the same & lay them before the next Councill.

Aldermen Shippen, Wilcox, Stanbury, Masters, Jones, Penticost Teague & ffrancis Cook, or some three of them, are appointed to take the Acc^{ts} of this Corporacon from such person or persons as have received or disbursed any thing relating to the publick, & settle the Same and report their doing therein at next Council, And that they may have recourse to the publick records & minutes for the better doing thereof.

Ordered that a Draught of an Ordinance be prepared by the Recorder for the obliging fforeigners & others who load & unload their Vessels at the public Wharves of this City, to pay reasonable Wharfage, to be laid before the next Council.

Ordered that a Draught of an Ordinance be prepared for the obliging the Inhabitants of this City to sweep the Streets Clean before their respective Houses—to be laid before the next Council.

Subscription for Building a New Market House in the City of Philadelphia. Taken May 22^{d} 1710.

Old Currency.

Richard Hill	£5 —	William Carter	£5 —
Robert Assheton	£5 —	Samuel Preston	£5 —
Edward Shippen	£5 —	Joshua Carpenter	£5 —
Anthony Morris	£5 —	Penticost Teage	£5 —
Griffith Jones	£5 —	Abraham Bickley	£5 —
Joseph Willcox	£5 —	William Lee	£5 —
Nathan Stanbury	£ —	Thomas Bradford	£2 10
Thomas Masters	£5 —	Henry Badcocke	£2 10
Samuel Richardson	£5 —	John Webb	£2 10

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Ffrancis Cook	£2 10	Old Currency.	John Redman	£ —	
Nehemiah Allen	£2 10		Edward Smout	£ —	
Thomas Griffith	£2 10		David Giffing	£ —	
William Hudson	£2 10		Henry fflower	£ —	
John Budd	£ —		Peter Stretch	£2 10	
Joseph Yard	£ —				

At a Comon Council at Philad[a] the 3[d] Day of October 1710.

Present

Richard Hill, Mayor		Joshua Carpenter	Comon Council.
Robert Assheton, Recorder		William Hudson	
Edward Shippen	Aldermen.	Abraham Bickley	
Griffith Jones		Thomas Griffith	
Nathan Stanbury		William Lee	
Samuel Preston		John Redman	
William Carter		Joseph Yard	
Samuel Richardson		Edward Smout	
Thomas Masters		Peter Stretch	
		Thomas Bradford	
		Henry Flower	
		John Webb	

The Comon Council (pursuant to the Busieness of the Day) proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, And Alderman Carter was Elected Mayor by a majority of votes.

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At a Comon Council at Philad[a] the Tenth day of November 1710.

Present

William Carter, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Edward Shippen
- Griffith Jones
- Nathan Stanbury
- Samuel Richardson
- Samuel Preston

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffith
- William Lee
- Abraham Bickley
- Thomas Bradford
- John Redman
- David Giffin
- Penticost Teague
- Francis Cook

Ordered that the Mayor, Recorder & Alderman Shippen, wait upon the Assembly at their Next Setting, to ask leave to bring in a Bill to Make Ordinances & by Laws for the better support, Rule & Government of this City.

Whereas, Thomas Pryor, the Clark of the Market, has now Exhibited an account of the Rents of the Market Stalls, by which it appears that Several Persons are in arrear, and Some of them (as he says) positively refuse to pay rent. It is therefore Ordered that the s[d] Thomas Pryor demand & receive the Rents in arrear, and in Case any person refuse to pay, that then the Stalls of the Persons refusing to be pulled up & removed.

Ordered that Thomas Pryor pay the money by him received, or to be received for Stall Rents into the hands of Edward Shippen the Treasurer, whose receipt shall be his Discharge.

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Ordered that the Mayor, Alderman Shippen, Alderman Jones and Alderman Preston, discourse the Towns Butchers relating to their peticon, & inform them that if they refuse to pay their Stall Rents, their Stalls are to be pluckt up, and further to give notice to such persons as follow Butchering and keep their Stalls at the East End of the Court House, to remove themselves to the other shambles, and the Mayor to appoint where their Stalls shall be fixt.

At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} the Eleventh Day of May 1711.

Present

William Carter, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Edward Shippen
- Griffith Jones
- Richard Hill
- Samuel Preston

Comon Counell.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Thomas Griffith
- Abraham Bickley
- Thomas Bradford
- John Redman
- David Giffin
- Penticost Teague
- Francis Cook
- Nehemiah Allen
- Joseph Yard
- John Webb
- William Hudson

The Mayor, Recorder & Alderman Shippen, Report that psuant to the Minuet of the last Council they Waited upon the Assembly, and had upon their leave to bring in a Bill to Impower the Corporacon to Make Ordinances, ect. And the Recorder Imforms the

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Council that he prepared Two Several Bills for That Purpose, but they are both Rejected.

Edward Shippen, Thomas Griffith, John Webb, or any Two of them are appointed to Search the Records & Examin the City Accounts Since the Last Stating thereof, and Make their Report at the Next Sitting, as also the Accounts of the Clerk of the Marckett.

It it Ordered that no ffreeman Tenant to the Corporacon of Market Stalls let their Stalls to any Except ffreeman, but Under the Rent of Nine Shillings p annum, And that they be Accountable for so much to the Corporacon.

Ordered that a Shop may be Built Under the Court House Stairs, to be Lett out to the best Advantage.

Att a Comon Council at Philad^{a}, 14th Sep^{t} 1711.

Present

William Carter, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder
Alderman Shippen
Alderman Jones
Alderman Hill
Alderman Richardson.

Comon Council.
William Hudson
ffrancis Cook
Penticost Teague
Thomas Griffith
Abram Bickley
Nehemiah Allen
Thomas Bradford
John Budd
Peter Stretch
John Redman

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The psons appointed last Councill to Examine the City Acct^s having Done Nothing therein, Therefore Thomas Griffith, William Hudson, Penticost Tague & Abram Bickley, or Some two of them, are appointed to Examine the s'd Acct^s, And Make theire report at the Next Comon Councill.

Ordered that the Mayor (if Humfrey Murray cant be prevaild on to Give the Weights to the City) pay for the same out of the Stall Rents with all Expedition.

Upon the Petition of Caspar I Lleinhoff praying y^t Relief or an Abatem^t May be Made of a ffine of 9^l apiece Set vpon him & his Now wife for ffornication before theire Intermarriage, And the Matter being Considered, It is the opinion of this Council (they having Intermarryd together) that they be abated 5^l apiece.

Upon the Application, Caspar I Lleinhoff, Martha Dennis, Sarah Murray, Sarah Leader, Richard Robinson, Anthony Stevens, Godfrey Newbald, And the Circumstances of the p'sons & offence being Weigh'd & Considered, the s'd psons being find 5^l a piece, they are all (Except Caspar I Lleinhoff) remitted three pounds apiece, And the sd Caspar's ffine is wholly remitted.

It is ordered that noo Beef, Veal, Mutton, Lamb or Pork Shall be sold at the Shambles on the East End of the Court house, but at the West only. And if any presume to lay Such Victuals there with a Designe to Sell, & shall not remove it on request of the Clark of the Market, the same to be taken away by the sd Clark to be disposed on as the Mayor shall think fit, but such psons as Use that Trade may, if they think fit, remove their Stall to the sd West Side, & there Sell the same with w^t Else they have to Sell.

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Att a Comon Council at Philad^{a} 2^{d} of October 1711.

William Carter, Mayor	Present
Robert Assheton, Recorder	Abraham Bickley
Alderman Shippen	William Hudson
Alderman Jones	ffrancis Cook
Alderman Hill	Penticost Teague
Alderman Richardson	Thomas Griffith
Nathan Stanbury	Nehemiah Allen
	Thomas Bradford
	John Budd
	Peter Stretch
	John Redman
	Henry fflower
	John Webb
	Joshua Carpenter

Comon Council.

The Comon Council (pursuant to the Bussiness of the Day) Proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, And Alderman Preston was electcd Mayor for the Ensuing Year, N. C. D.

Jonathan Dickinson is Now Elected an Alderman of this City.

Owen Roberts is Now Elected one of the Comon Council.

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At a Comon Councill at Philad the 13th of November 1711.

Present

Samuel Preston, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder
Alderman Shippen
Alderman Carter
Alderman Stanbury
Alderman Jones
Alderman Richardson
Alderman Masters.

Abraham Bickley
William Hudson
ffrancis Cook
Thomas Griffith
John Budd
John Webb
David Giffin
Joseph Yard
Owen Roberts
Penticost Teague

Comon Council.

Ordered that the Recorder prepare an Act for the Confirmation of the City Charter & Enabling them to Raise Money on the inhabitants for the Regulacon of the Streets & Building & Repairing of Wharfs, etc, to be Laid before the Assembly at the next Sitting.

The persons Appointed at a Councill the 14th of Sept last, to Examine the Citys Accounts having done Nothing therein, Therefore Edward Shippen, Griffith Jones, William Carter, Thomas Griffith, William Hudson & John Webb, or some 3 of them, are now appointed to Examine the Same & Lay them before the Next Council, and for the Better Doing the Same, they are to have the Records of Court.

Ordered that Alderman Carter prepare a Book for the City Accounts & pay for the Same out of the Publick Moneys Now in his Hands.

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The Mayor Acquaints the Board that he has frequently had in his Consideracon the many Providences this City has Mett with in that fires that have so often happened have done So little Damage, And thinks it is our Duty to Use all possible means to prevent & Extinguish ffires for the ffuture by providing of Bucketts, Hooks, Engines, etc, which being Considered it is the opinion of this Board that Such Instruments Should be provided, And the Manner of Doing it is Refer'd to the Next Council.

At a Comon Councill held at Philad^{a} 22^{d} July 1712.

Present

Samuel Preston, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Edw Shippen
- Richd Hill
- Nathan Stanbury
- Jonathon Dickinson
- Thomas Masters
- William Carter

Comon Council.
- William Hudson
- Pentecost Teague
- Abraham Bickley
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Griffith
- John Redman
- Thomas Bradford
- Owen Roberts
- Peter Stretch
- Nehemiah Allen

The Persons Appointed the last Councill to Examine & settle the Citys Accounts Now Exhibit the same, but y^{e} same not being compleat, they are Requested to continue their care till ffinished.

Owen Roberts is now appointed Receiver of the Moneys accruing to this City by ffines, rents & fforfeitures, who is Ordered to pre-

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pare books ffitt for the same, & shall have 5l p cent Receiving, & 5l p cent for paying the same, and shall account with the Sheriff, or any other psons concern'd, Quarterly if need be, or oftener, as occasion may require, And shall pay out the Same According to yᵉ Orders & Direcon of this Board.

The Mayor or Recorder, or either of them, with the Assistance of any two or more of the Aldermen, have Power to Manage & Direct att all ffires.

The receiver of the City Moneys Immediately to Lay out on Bucketts, etc, when he shall receive for chimneys ffiring.

Thomas Burden is Allowed the Sum of Eight pounds for accomodating the Watch with ffire & candle last Winter, & is to be paid the sum of ffour pounds Ten Shillings & Eight pence by Alderman Carter, he having so much moneys on ballance of the Citys in his Hands, And the remainder to be paid by Owen Roberts, the Citys receiver.

Owen roberts is now appointed to Lett yᵉ Market Stalls & receive the rents thereof, & also to receive for the Wharfidge of this city.

Thomas Griffiths, Thomas Redman & Samuel Powell are appointed regulators of the Particon Walls within this City.

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Att a Comon Council held at Philad[a] 29[th] July 1712.

Present

Samuel Preston, Esq[r], Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Nathan Stanbury
- Jonathon Dickinson
- William Carter

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Penticost Teague
- Francis Cook
- David Giffin
- Joseph Yard
- John Budd
- Tho Bradford
- Peter Stretch
- John Redman
- Owen Roberts

Ordered that the Overseers of the High ways & Streets of this City be Prest by the Magistrates to Put the Law Strictly in Execucon for the Regulating & Repairing the Streets & Highways Within the Same, And because by the Present Law the Inhabitants are Oblidged to Send Able Labourers to do the Work, whereas a considerable Sum of Money Will at the Same time be required to p'fect the Same, Therefore y[e] Overseers may take 1[s]. 6[d]. from such Persons as are willing to pay it, & Excuse them from a Days Labour.

The Poor of this City Dayly Increasing, it is y[e] opinion of this Council that a Workhouse be Immediately Hired to Imploy poor p'sons, and Sufficient p'sons appointed to keep them at Work, And the House & psons be Provided by the Overseers of the Poor, the rent of the House & Sallary of the housekeepers to be agreed for by the Mayor, Alderman Hill, Alderman Carter, Joshua Carpenter, William Hudson, Penticost Teague, or some 3 of them report their Doing therein at the Next Council.

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It is ordered that the Constables Immediately Give y^e^ Mayor a List of all psons Within their respective Wards, In order that the Night Watch of this city May be the better regulated.

Ordered that an Ordinance be Drawn by the Recorder for the ascertaining the Priviledges of the ffreeman of this City.

Ordered that an Ordinance be Drawn, Grounded upon a Law of this Province for the Ascertaining the Dimensions of Casks &c for true Packing of Meat for Transportation, And Alderman Hill is desir'd to think of a fit p'son for that Office.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^a^ y^e^ 7^th^ Day of Octobe^r^ 1712.

Present

Samuel Preston, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Richard hill
- Jonathon Dickenson
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter
- Thomas Masters
- Anthony Morris
- Joseph Wilcox

Comon Council.
- Abraham Bickley
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Griffith
- John Redman
- Thomas Bradford
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Owen Roberts
- John Budd
- Joshua Carpenter
- ffrancis Cook
- Panticost Teague

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The Comon Council (Pursuant to the Business of the Day) Proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, And Alderman Dickinson (Nemine Contradicente) was Elected Mayor for y^e^ ensuing Year.

Clement Plumstead, Gibert ffalconer, Jno Jones Boller, Nathaniel Edgcomb, are Now Elected Comon Council Men.

George Roch is now Elected an Alderman of this City.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^a^ 14^th^ Nov^r^ 1712.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson Esq^r^, Mayor
Robt Assheton Esq^r^, Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Samuel Preston
- Thomas Masters
- Joseph Willcox
- Anthony Morris

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Wm Hudson
- Abraham Bickley
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Bradford
- Penticost Teague
- Jno Budd
- Peter Stretch
- Owen Roberts
- Nathaniel Edgecomb
- John Jones

Ordered that an Ordinance be drawn by the Recorder for the better Regulacon of the Streets of this City & for Oblidging the Owners

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of Lands, etc. within the Same, to pave before their respective Tenements.

Ordered that the overseers of the Poor continue their Enquiry after a convenient house for a publick Work house for the Poor, etc.

Ordered that the Mayor & Comonalty of this city, view the Respective Streets & Water courses within the Same, and Consider the Proper Methods for the More comodious Regulation thereof.

Upon the Peticon of Abel Tudor, Nicholas Guatean & Robert Warner, praying that an abatement May be made of a ffine of ffive pounds apiece Sett upon them ffor keeping Publick houses without Lycence, and the Circumstances of the Persons & offence being Weighed & considered, they are Remitted ffour pounds apiece upon Paym^{t} of the Remainder.

Upon the Peticon of Henry Tregeny & Thomas Pelton, praying that an abatem^{t} May be made of a ffine of ffive pounds apiece Sett upon them the Last Sessions for keeping publick houses without Lycence, and the circumstances of the Persons & Offence being weighd & considered, the s^{d} Henry is remitted ffifty Shillings, & the s^{d} Thomas the whole.

Thomas Cox is now appointed the Person for the Ascertaining the Dimensions of Casks, & for True packing of Meat for Transportacon.

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At a Comon Council Held at Philad[a] 16[th] March 1712.

Present

Jonathon Dickenson, Esq[r], Mayor

Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Samuel Preston
- Nathan Stanbury
- Thomas Masters
- William Carter
- Samuel Richardson

Comon Council.
- William Hudson
- Abraham Bickley
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Griffith
- John Redman
- Nehemiah Allen
- Owen Roberts
- David Giffing
- Pentecost Teague
- Nathaniel Edgcombe
- Joshua Carpenter

David Evens is now appointed Clerk of the Market & Collect[a] of the Stall Rents, & the Money for Chimney ffiring, which he accepted of.

Ordered that the Recorder Draw an Ordinance for the Better Regulacon of the Markett, and for suitable Encouragement to the Clerk of y[e] Markett, to Compensate his care & Trouble, & Lay it before the next Comon Council.

Nehemiah Allen is now Appointed to Joyne with Thomas Cox in the Office of Packer, etc.

An Ordinance to be Drawn for the Packers of Meat, etc., to be Measurers of Wheat other Grain.

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Elizabeth Bywater Peticoning that a ffine of 10£ for ffornication, may be remitted her, and the Premises being considered, It is the opinion of the Council that she be Remitted 5£, & either Pay the Remainder Down or give Security for the Payment thereof in Six Months.

At the Comon Council held at Philad^{a} 27th April 1713.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^{r}, Mayor

Robert Assheton Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Samuel Richardson
- Joseph Wilcox
- Nathan Stanbury
- Thomas Masters
- William Carter
- Anthony Morris

Comon Council.
- David Giffing
- Pentecost Teague
- Nehemiah Allen
- Joseph Yard
- Peter Stretch
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Bradford
- ffrancis Cook
- Owen Roberts
- John Redman
- Nathaniel Edgecomb
- John Jones

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} 5th May 1713.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Samuel Preston
- Nathan Stanbury
- George Roch
- William Carter

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Joseph Yard
- Pentecost Teague
- Thomas Griffith
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Nathaniel Edgecomb
- Owen Roberts
- John Jones

An ordinance for the Regulating the Price of Victuals And for the better Settling the Marketts of this City, Was read & agreed to, And was Ordered to be Ingrossed, And that the Same Should be published to Morrow, and that y^{e} comon council should attend the Mayor at y^{e} Publication thereof.

At a common council held at Philad^{a} 5th May 1713.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Samuel Preston
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter

- Joseph Yard
- Wm Hudson
- Pentecost Teague
- Nehemiah Allen
- Owen Roberts
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Bradford
- Peter Stretch
- Abraham Bickley
- David Giffing.

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Upon Mature consideracon it is the opinion of this Council that the Stalls betwixt the court house & the Prison be removed to y^e^ Westward of the Court house, And that the Clark of the y^e^ Markett Give Notice to y^e^ Owners of the Stalls that they remove the same Accordingly, before the ffirst Day of July Next, which if they Refuse to Do the Clark of the Markett May cause the same to be Pluckt up.

At a comon Council at Philad^a^ y^e^ 16^th^ June 1713.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Richd Hill
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter
- Samll Richardson
- Anthony Morris
- Thomas Masters

Comon Council.
- Abraham Bickley
- Thomas Griffith
- ffrancis Cook
- Pentecost Teague
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Bradford
- David Giffing
- Nathaniel Edgecomb
- Owen Roberts

The Standing of y^e^ Comon Goal of this city having been often presented by the Grand Jurys Not only as a publick nusance, but very Insufficient to hold criminalls. And it being too Notorious that Criminalls ffrequently Escape through the Insufficiency thereof, And a Lott being formerly Purchased for building a Prison upon, It is therefore the Opinion of this Council, That a Voluntary Subscription be Offered to the Inhabitants of this City & the County of Philad^a^ for y^e^ Pulling down the Present Prison & Erecting a New one upon the Lott assign'd for y^e^ same, And that Alderman

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Morris, Owen, Roberts & Joseph Redman Collect y^e^ sd Subscripcons, And Make their Report thereof y^e^ Next Council.

It is y^e^ Present Opinion of this Council, That in Case y^e^ Prison be removed, It will be Convenient that y^e^ Markett (Except y^e^ Butchers Shambles) be upon or near y^e^ Place Where y^e^ prison now Stands, Provided the Stalls be not ffixt Down, but Moveable after y^e^ Markett is over.

At a council at Philad^a^ y^e^ 19 Day of June 1713.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Samuel Preston
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter
- Anthony Morris

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffith
- Owen Roberts
- Peter Stretch
- Nehemiah Allen
- Joseph Yard
- John Jones
- Nathaniel Edgecomb

The Water Courses of the several Streets of this City being now had under Consideracon, the same are Regulated as follows, as being thought most Commodious & Beneficial ffor y^e^ Publick, That is to say,

The Water Course from y^e^ Easternmost Side of the 2^d^ Street along the High street to ffall into y^e^ River Delaware, And from y^e^ Westernmost Side of y^e^ Second Street along the High Street to y^e^ ffourth Street.

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The Water Course from y^e^ Southernmost side of y^e^ High Street to ffall on boath Sides the Second Street to Chesnutt Street, one part down Chesnut Street into Delaware, And the Other up Chesnut Street to y^e^ Third Street, And on the opposide Sides of Chesnut Street accordingly, And from Chesnut Street on boath sides the Second Street to y^e^ Dock.

The Water course in y^e^ Second Street, betwixt Mulberry Street and the High Street, to be Divided in y^e^ most Convenient place, one part to ffall to Mulberry Street, the other to High Street, & So down to y^e^ River.

The Water course from y^e^ Arch to fall on both Sides the ffront Street to the High Street, And in y^e^ ffront Street betwixt High Street & Chesnutt Street to be Divided in y^e^ most convenient place, to run part to y^e^ High Street & part to Chesnut Street.

The Water course in Walnut Street, betwixt y^e^ ffront Street & the Second Street, to be Divided in y^e^ most Convenient place to run Part to y^e^ River & part to y^e^ Dock.

The Water Course in y^e^ ffront Street, betwixt Chesnut Street & Walnut Street, to be Divided in y^e^ most Convenient place, one part to run to Chesnut Street the Other to Walnut Street.

The Water Course in y^e^ ffront Street, betwixt Walnut Street & y^e^ Dock, to be Sett out with y^e^ best Convenient Place & ffall accordingly.

The Water course from Walnut Street along King Street to y^e^ Dock, to run through y^e^ Middle of King Street to y^e^ Dock.

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At a Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 14th Aug^{t} 1713.

Present

Jonathon Dickinson, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Nathan Stanbury
- Samuel Preston
- Samuel Richardson
- William Carter

Common Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Pentecost Teague
- Thomas Griffith
- Owen Roberts
- Peter Stretch
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Bradford
- John Redman
- John Jones
- William Hudson

Some of the Persons to Examine & Settle the city accounts being since Dead, And the Accounts as yet remaining unsettled, It is therefore ordered that the Survivors continue their Care therein, And Samuel Preston, Penticost Teague & Owen Roberts are now added to them, who are requested to Compleat the Same with all Expedicon.

Thomas Pryor Refusing to Account with the corporacon for Stall rents by him Received, The Recorder to Speak to y^{e} Attorney Genall, to Sue him for y^{e} same.

Alderman Carter & Alderman Richardson are Appointed Clarks of the Market, Letters of Market Stalls, Collectors of y^{e} Rents, collectors of Money for chimney ffiring, and Tryers of weights & Measures, who accepted thereof, And are to be Allowed Ten p' c^{t} for their Trouble Therein.

Ordered that the Recorder draw a Supplementary ordinance for the better Regulacon of the Markett, & lay it before the Next Council.

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It being very Difficult to Convict such as Suffer theire chimneys to take ffire, contrary to a law of this province, It is therefore ordered that if the Offender will Pay the fforfeiture without further Trouble, he Shall have Ten Shillings abated him.

At a Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 1st September 1713.

Present

Jonathon Dickinson, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Nathan Stanbury
- Samuel Preston
- Samuel Richardson
- William Carter
- Anthony Morris
- Thomas Masters

Comon Councill.
- Abram Bickley,
- William Hudson
- Pentecost Teague
- Thomas Griffith
- Peter Stretch
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Bradford
- Owen Roberts
- Nathaniel Edgcomb
- John Jones

A Dispute Arising about y^{e} Rent & bigness of Nicholas Walns markett stall, And it being put to y^{e} Vote whether he shou'd have an Abatement of 9^{s}. p Ann the Present Rent thereof, It past in y^{e} Negative.

Ordered that Aldermen Carter & Preston treat with the Doctor Owen as to the sum mentioned in his Peticon, And then an Order to be given upon the Overseers of y^{e} Poor to pay the Same, And

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they are Desired to take the Persons Bonds for the Repayment thereof in Six Months.

At a Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 30th September 1713.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Nathan Stanbury
- George Roch
- Samuel Richardson
- William Carter
- Anthony Morris

Comon Council.
- Wm Hudson
- Thomas Griffith
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Bradford
- Owen Roberts
- Penticost Teague
- David Giffin
- John Jones
- Nehemiah Allen

William Hill, the Beadle of this City, having lately in a heat broke his Bell, & given out that he would Continue no Longer at the Place, but now Expresses a great Deal of Sorrow for his so doing, & humbly Desires to be Continued therein During his Good Behaviour, And the Premises being Considered, And the Vote put Whether he should Continue the Place any Longer, It past in y^{e} affirmative.

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At a council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 5th October 1713.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
Richard Hill, } Aldermen.
Nathan Stanbury
George Roch
Thomas Masters
Samuel Richardson
William Carter

Joshua Carpenter
William Hudson
Abraham Bickley
Penticost Teague
Joseph Yard
Owen Roberts
Peter Stretch
Thomas Griffith
David Giffen
Nehemiah Allen
Thomas Bradford
Nathaniel Edgecomb
John Jones.

The Clarks of y^{e} Markett acquaints the Board that they have Collected upwards of 20£ for the Markett Stall Rents, And the Recorder, Alderman Masters & Alderman Stanbury now move that the same may be paid to them for the Discharge of an Obligacon by them entered into to Edward Shippen, decd, for the Corporacons Use in Treating our present Governour at his ffirst arrival, It is therefore Ordered that the Clerks of y^{e} Markett pay them So much as y^{e} Principal & Interest of the s'd Bond Amounts to, & Report the same to the Next Council.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 6th October 1713.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq., Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}
Richard Hill
Samuel Preston
Nathan Stanbury
Thomas Masters
William Carter
Samuel Richardson.
William Hudson
Abraham Bickley
Penticost Teague
Thomas Bradford
Joshua Carpenter
Peter Stretch
Thomas Griffith
John Budd
Nehemiah Allen
Owen Roberts
Joseph Yard
Nath Edgecomb
John Jones.

The Comon Council (pursuant to y^{e} Business of y^{e} Day,) Proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for y^{e} Ensuing Year, And Alderman Roch was Elected Mayor by a Majority of Votes.

Joseph Growdon & Isaac Norris are now Elected Aldermen of this City, Nemine Contradicente.

Penticost Teague is now Elected an Alderman of this City by a Majority of Votes.

Joseph Redman, John Warder, John Vanlaer, are Appointed Comon Council men for this City, Nemine Contradicente, & George Claypoole, William ffishbourn & Thomas Wharton, by a Majority of Votes.

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Benjamin Vening is now Appointed Comon Council Man for this City, Nemine Contradicente.

At a council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 23^{d} Octob^{r} 1713.

Present

George Roch, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Nathan Stanbury
- Samuel Richardson
- Pentecost Teague
- William Carter

Comon Council.
- William Hudson
- Joshua Carpenter
- Thomas Griffith
- Joseph Yard
- Nehemiah Allen
- Thomas Bradford
- Owen Roberts
- John Jones
- Nathaniel Edgecomb
- William ffishbourn
- John Warder
- Joseph Redman
- Thomas Wharton

Pentecost Teague is now Qualified by the Mayor one of the Aldermen of this City.

William ffishbourn, John Warder, Joseph Redman & Thomas Wharton, are now Qualifield by y^{e} Mayor Comon Council men of this City.

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At comon council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 13th Nov^{r} 1713.

Present

George Roch, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Jonathan Dickinson
- Samuel Preston
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter
- Samll Richardson
- Pentecost Teague

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- William Hudson
- Abraham Bickley
- Thomas Griffith
- Joseph Yard
- Owen Roberts
- Peter Stretch
- Joseph Redman
- John Warder
- Thomas Wharton

John Barfoild, Boatswain of the Ship Sophia, being last City Sessions Indicted for Comitting an Assault & Battery on the Body of one John Hoffin, for which he was fin'd ffive pounds, (which Assault was the Whipping the s'd Heffin in a Violent Manner on board the Vessell by the Order of the Comander as he Alledges), Now Prays Remittance of Some part thereof, And the Premisses being Considered, the Whole is Remitted.

Daniel Moody, Mate of the Ship Sophia, being last City Sessions Indicted for Comitting an Assault & Battery on the Body of one John Buckley, for which he was ffined Twenty Shillings, the Assault being made by y^{e} Order of the Comander of the s^{d} Ship, as he alledges, Now Prays Remittance of Sum part thereof, And the Premisses being considered, the Whole is Remitted.

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At a Comon Council at Philada^{a} y^{e} 12th March 1713.

Present

George Roch, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Jonathan Dickinson
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter
- Sam^{ll} Richardson

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Joseph Yard
- Thomas Griffith
- Owen Roberts
- William ffishbourn
- Nathaniel Edgecomb
- Thomas Wharton
- Abraham Bickley
- John Budd
- Joseph Redman.

Jonathan Dickinson, Benjamin Vening & Anthony Morris, Jun^{r}, are appointed to carry on y^{e} Work of the Bridge Causeway leading to Society Hill, Who are Desired to fforward it with all Expedition, & to Receive from the Treasurer the Sum allotted for doing the Same.

Daniel Standish peticoning that a fine of Ten pounds or Some Part of the Same be Remitted, Put upon him Last October Sessions for Refusing to serve the Office of a Constable after being Qualified, the Premisses being considered, ffive pounds of the s^{d} Ten pounds is remitted.

The Great Conveniency of Public Pumps in this City being under consideracon, It is the Opinion of this Board that the Pumps now Erected or hereafter to be Erected, the Property thereof Shall

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be in y^e^ Person or Psons Errecting the same, Who shall keep them in Repair at their Own Cost & Receive Such Rents from the Neighbourhood for their Drawing of water as they Can agree for, Provided that before any Person hereafter do Break the Ground for Such Pumps, the Place be Viewed & Allowed by the Mayor & Recorder & at least three Aldermen.

Alderman Dickinson, Alderman Carter, Alderman Teague, Thomas Griffith, Owen Roberts, Joseph Redman & William ffishbourne, or some ffour of them, are appointed Regulators of the Streets & Water Courses of this City, who may from time to time give such Orders therein as May best suite & Accomodate the Publick.

Upon the Peticon of Mary Perkins, Setting fforth that her Husband, George Perkins, was Apprehended & carried to prison upon Suspicon of having coynd or Counterfeited Some Spanish Money who in a few days after his Committm^t^ & before any further Process ag^t^ him, Escaped thence, Whereupon the Sheriff Seized & Carried away not only all her household Goods, But also Wine, Beer, Cyder, Rum & other Liquers, She had for Support of herself & three Children, So that She & they had Laboured under very great hardships ever Since, having not a Bed to Lie on or any household Goods or Stock to carry on her trade to Support herself & children. Whereupon the Premisses being considered, It is the Opinion of this Board, that forasmuch as the Prisoner's Comittm^t^ was only upon Suspicon, And there having been no prosecucon ag^t^ him, And the Peticoner & the Children being in Great Want & likely to become a Charge upon the Inhabitants, And the Goods being Generally Lumber & of Small value, That the Goods Seized by the Sherif be not Detained from the Peticoner on acc^t^ of the

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Corporacon, And the Corporacon all their Right Relinquishes to y^e^ Same Goods.

At a Comon Council at Philad^a^ y^e^ 5^th^ Octob^r^ 1714.

Present

George Roch, Esq^r^., Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq., Record^r^
Anthony Morris
Sam^ll^ Preston
Nathan Stanbury
Sam^ll^ Richardson
William Carter
Penticost Teague
} Aldermen.

Joshua Carpenter
Thomas Griffith
David Giffing
Joseph Yard
John Budd
Peter Stretch
Nehemiah Allen
Abraham Bickley
Owen Roberts
John Warder
Thomas Wharton
Wm ffishbourn
Nathaniel Edgecomb.

The Comon Council, (Pursuant to y^e^ Busieness of y^e^ Day,) Proceeded to y^e^ Election of a Mayor for y^e^ Ensuing Year, And Alderman Hill was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

Ordered that Anthony Morris & Sam^ll^ Richardson acquaints Alderman Hill of his being Elected Mayor.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 25th Octob^{r} 1714.

Present

George Roch, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Jos Willcox
- Jonathan Dickinson
- Sam^{ll} Richardson
- Anthony Morris
- William Carter
- Penticost Teague

Comon Councill Men.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Abraham Bickley
- Jos Yard
- Nehemiah Allen
- Thomas Bradford
- Owen Roberts
- Henry Badcock
- Thomas Griffith
- Peter Stretch
- Jos Redman
- John Jones
- John Warder
- John Budd
- Thomas Wharton
- Wm Hudson

Ordered that the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen & Comon Councill wait upon the Governour on Wednesday Next, at y^{e} hour of twelve in the fforenoon, in order to proclaim the King, & afterward Present the Mayor Elect to y^{e} Govern^{r} to be Qualified.

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At a comon Council at Philad^{a} 8th Nov 1714.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}., Mayor	W^{m} Hudson
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}	Abraham Bickley
Sam^{ll} Richardson	Thomas Griffith
William Carter	Owen Roberts
Penticost Teague	Joseph Yard
	Thomas Bradford
	John Warder
	Thomas Wharton
	Wm ffishbourn
	John Jones.

Ordered that an Ordinance be Drawn to Oblige the sellers of Meat & Grain in the Market to Expose their Meal under the Court house by Opening their Sacks Mouths, that the Inhabitants may See What they Buy.

It is Ordered that the Sum of ffifteen pounds & ten shillings Expended in the Entertainm^{t} upon the Proclaiming the King, beyond the Sum of ffifteen pounds the Mayor Voluntarily Expended out of his own Pocket, be repaid the Mayor out of the Stall Rents.

Alderman Carter & Richardson are requested to Continue their Care in Collecting the Arrears of the Market Stall Rents, Which they promised to Do.

Alderman Carter voluntarily Offers to buy Weights for y^{e} Weighing the Meal, upon the Credit of the Corporacons repaying him, Which he is Assured of by the Council.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} 15th June 1715.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Joseph Wilcox
- Sam^{ll} Richardson
- William Carter
- Tho Masters

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- W^{m} Hudson
- Thomas Griffith
- Joseph Yard
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Thomas Wharton
- John Jones
- Joseph Redman
- Owen Roberts
- John Warder
- Nath^{ll} Edgecomb
- Wm ffishbourn

William ffishbourn is added to the Persons Last appointed to Adjust the City Accounts. And as many of them as can attend are Desired to Expedite the Same.

John Butler peticoning that a fine of ffive pounds set upon him & Levyed for not Collecting the 1^{d} p C^{t}. tax for Building Wharfs & repairing Bridges in this City, and having paid the Whole Tax assessed upon the Inhabitants of the Ward wherein he was to Collect the same, The premisses being Considered the s^{d} fine of ffive pounds is remitted.

The Kings Proclamacon Dated at St James' the Second Day of November, in y^{e} ffirst year of his reign, for the suppressing of Riots, etc., was read, and it is ordered that something proper be Drawn up for the preventing the like practices in this City, & be published with all Expedition.

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Anthony Morris having rented some part of the Lott belonging to the City and County, to Thomas Rhodes, for the sum of fforty shillings p ann, the Rent Commencing the Latter end of Aug^{t} Last, w^{ch} is to be appropriated to the Repairing of the court house, & Joseph Yard acquainted the Board that there remaind in hands of Anthony Morris, & his, the sum of fforty Shill^{s}, it being for the Old Timber & Stones of the old house that Lately stood upon the s^{d} Lott, which s^{d} money is Likewise to be appropriated to repair the Court house.

Ordered that William Fishbourn pay the sum of Ten pounds to William Carter, towards finishing the Market Wharf in this City, When John Budd pays the money he rec'd from Thomas Oakley, one of the collectors of the Tax for building Wharfs.

At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} 4th Octob^{r} 1715.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Joseph Willcox
- Anthony Morris
- Sam^{ll} Richardson
- Nathan Stanbury
- Sam^{ll} Preston
- Wm Carter
- Penticost Teague

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- W^{m} Hudson
- Abraham Bickley
- David Giffin
- Tho Griffith
- Joseph Yard
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Tho Bradford
- Owen Roberts
- Joseph Redman
- Thomas Wharton

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The Comon Council pursuant to the Business of the Day, Proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, and the Present Mayor, Rich[d] Hill, was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

Wm Hudson, Abraham Bickley & Joseph Redman, are Elected Aldermen of this City, by a Majority of Votes.

Anthony Morris, jun[r], Daniel Radley & Thomas Redman are Elected Comon Council Men of this City.

It is ordered that the Comon Council meet on y[e] 14[th] Ins[t], to Qualify the Aldermen & Comon Council Men now Chosen.

At a Comon Council the 14[th] October A[o] 1715.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]
Sam[ll] Preston
Nathan Stanbury
Sam[ll] Richardson
Wm Carter
Jos Wilcox
Geo Roch.
Joshua Carpenter
W[m] Hudson
Ab Bickley
Tho Griffith
David Giffin
Tho Bradford
Jos Yard
Nehemiah Allen
Jos Redman
Tho Wharton
John Jones
John Warder
Owen Roberts
W[m] Fishbourn
Benjn Vening.

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Ordered that an Ordinance be drawn to Encourage the Placing & putting down of Publick Pumps in the Streets of this City, And that the present Owners of Pumps, And Such as hereafter shall put down any pumps, Shall hold the same of the Corporation for the term of Twenty One Years, under the Yearly rent of one shill^{g} p'annum.

William Hudson, Abraham Bickley, Joseph Redman were Qualified for Aldermen of the City of Philad^{a}, And George Claypoole & Daniel Radley were Qualified Comon Council Men ffor this City.

Ordered than an Ordinance be drawn to Compel Masters of Vessells Loading or Unloading their Vessells at the ffree Wharfs of this City to pay p^{r}Ton.

The Members appointed to Settle the City Accounts, are Desired to Settle the same & make report thereof at the Next Council.

At a Comon Council 9th July A^{o} 1716.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorde^{r}

Aldermen.
- Jos Wilcox
- Nathan Stanbury
- Wm Carter
- Sam^{ll} Richardson
- Abraham Bickley
- Joseph Redman
- Pentecost Teague
- Tho Masters

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Bradford
- Owen Roberts
- Peter Stretch
- Nehemiah Allen
- John Jones
- Dan^{ll} Radley
- John Warder
- Tho Wharton
- Benj^{a} Vening

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An Address to the King from this Corporacon being prepared by the Recorder & now read in this Council, it is agreed to be Transmitted by the ffirst opportunity in y^e^ ffollowing Language viz^t^.

TO

Thomas Davis being Indicted in y^e^ City Court, and ffined ffive pounds, he being very poor & his Wife like to become a Charge to y^e^ Town if he should be kept in Goal, the Justices Order'd the Sherif to Let him Go at Large, which the Council being acquainted with, Do agree that if the s'd Thomas Davis Doth not pay the s'd ffine, the Sherif Shall not be Charged with it.

Widow Lamb, Rob^t^ Canaday, Sam^ll^ Keffeth & Marg^t^ Richardson, Peticoning That a ffine of 5£ a peice, Sett upon them for keeping Publick houses without Lycence, might be remitted, And the Circumstances of y^e^ persons & offence being Weighed & Considered, they are Remitted the Whole.

Cornelius Connor, William Harry, John Sowers, William Hill, Rob^t^ Davis, William Borie, Christian Croswhite, Mary fforbes & Thomas Oakley, Peteconing That a ffine of 5^l^ Sett upon each of them last October Sessions for keeping publick houses without Lycences might be remitted, and the persons Circumstances & Offence being weighed & Considered, the Sum of Three pounds ffifteen Shillings of the s^d^ ffine is remitted.

Thomas Jones, Thomas Jenkins, Thomas Heywood & James Morris, peticoning that a ffine of ffive pounds Sett upon each of

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them Last October Sessions, for keeping public houses without Lycence, might be remitted, And the persons Circumstances & offence being Considered, one half of the s[d] ffines are remitted.

At a Comon Council at Philad[a] 16[th] July A° 1716.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq[r], Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq[r], Recorder
Aldermen.
Nathan Stanbury
Wm Carter
Sam[ll] Richardson
Wm Hudson
Ab Bickley

Thomas Griffith
Nehemiah Allen
Peter Stretch
Thomas Bradford
Wm Fishbourn
George Claypoole
Tho Wharton
Dan[ll] Radley
John Jones.

Alderman Carter producing a List of Severall psons that have had their Chimney ffir'd viz[t],

Anthony Morris	Sarah Ratcliff
Jno Billing	Richard Robeson
Jno Croswhite	Jos: Redman
Abraham Bickley	Walter Griffith
Wm Dixy	Sam[ll] Preston
Wm Belleridge	Robt Assheton
Jno Jones Boulder	Peter Stretch
Enoch Story	Wm Lingard
Isaac Norris	Wm Philpot
James Logan	Jno Price

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Caleb Ranstead pd by a Ladder
And Lock pd Ald Carter & Ald Richardson
Wm fishbourn pd by Bucketts
John Vanlaer pd to Ald Carter & Ald Richardson
Hen Badcock pd to Ald Carter & Ald Richardson
Jacob Usher pd by a Ladder
Emanuel Walker pd by a Ladder
Caleb Cash pd by Bucketts
Theodorus Lord pd Ald Carter.

At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 30th July A^{o} 1716.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}, Mayor	Joshua Carpenter
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}	Thomas Griffith
Jos: Wilcox	David Giffing
Nathan Stanbury	Owen Roberts
William Carter	Jno Warder
Sam^{ll} Richardson	Dan^{ll} Radley
Abraham Bickley.	Anthony Morris, jun^{r}
	Tho Wharton
	Wm Fishbourn.

The Mayor, Jonathan Dickinson, Joseph Wilcox, Thomas Griffith & William Fishbourn, are Appointed to treat & agree with the Recorder for his Sallary for the time past & to Come, And make report the Next Council.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 10th Aug^{t} 1716.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
Jonathn Dickinson
Nathan Stanbury
Sam^{ll} Richardson
Wm Hudson
Joseph Redman
} Aldermen.

Jos^{e} Carpenter
Thomas Griffith
Thomas Bradford
Wm Fishbourn
Jno Warder
John Jones
Thomas Wharton
Daniel Radley
Benj^{a} Vening
George Claypoole
Peter Stretch
Anth^{o} Morris, jun^{r}
Owen Roberts.

Ordered than an Ordinance be drawn & Laid before the next Council for the compelling Masters of Vessells Loading & Unloading their Vessells at the ffree Wharfs of this City to pay One Shilling p Ton for Unloading & the same for Loading, And that all Vessells Shall be alow'd to Lye ffive days to unload & ten days to Load, And if they Exceed ffifteen days, to pay after that time Two Shillings p day, And New Vessells Loading after ten days Lying, to pay two Shillings p diem, And that No wood Staves & or other things to be suffered to Lye on y^{e} Wharfs above Twenty ffour houres on pain of paying for every hour after one penny p Cord for wood, and in that proportion ffor a Cart Load of Staves, Shingles & other thifigs. And Daniel Radley is appointed Wharfenger, who shall keep a ffair and just acc^{t} of what money he shall receive

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for Wharfage and have one ffourth of the proffitts for his Trouble, and to pay the Neat proceeds to y^e^ City Treasurer.

William Fishbourne is now Elected City Treasurer, nemine contradicente, Who is to receive for his trouble in receiving & paying the publick money of the s^d^ City, Ten per Cent.

The Mayor, Alderman Dickinson, Alderman Wilcox, Thomas Griffith & William Fishbourn, who were Appointed the last council to treat and agree with the Recorder for his Sallary as well for the time past as to come, Now report that they have Accordingly treated with him; That they find the Corporacon is in arrear to him the sum of One hundred & fforty two pounds, allowing him the Sum of ffifty pounds p ann, the same allow'd his predecessor, Which Sum he Said (out of the Regard he had to the Corporacon) he would not Strictly insist upon, but wholly reffr'd the same to them, Wherefore to put an end to any further Disputes or Demands for what is past, And Settle his Sallary for the time to Come, They propose to him (Considering the Infancy and Small Income of the Corporacon) That in Consideration he would remitt all Demands for the time past, & accept of Twenty ffour pounds p' ann for y^e^ ffuture, to Comence from the Election of the Next Mayor, he Should have the Same punctually pd him, and further, that he should have the Arrears of all fines & fforfeitures in his time, to which proposal, for the reason afd he accepted of, with a promise to draw all Ordinances Gratis, which Settlement & agreem^t^ is now Confirmd.

The Mayor, Alderman Dickinsen, Alderman Hudson & Thomas Griffith Are appointed to Settle Acct^s^ with David Lloyd, former Recorder, in relacon to his Salary, And Adjust the Ballance with him on the best Terms they Can.

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The Bridge over the Dock at the South End of the ffront Street, & the Causeway from thence to Society Hill, being as yet Unfinisht, And the Water having washt away some part of the Causeway, insomuch That it is not only become very Dangerous, but if not Speedily ffinisht will create a much Greater Charge, And the persons who were appointed Overseers for Doing the same, having not Sufficient in their hands to Carry it on, It is Agreed & Ordered that if the sd Overseers will Advance money for the Compleating the sd work, they shall be paid their Disbursements out of y^{e} publick Stock of this City, and so shall the overseers for the Market Wharf wch is yet unfinished.

The Recorders Sallary being now Settled, And it being formerly moved that he would consent (it being not thought so proper that the Office of Recorder & Town Clerk should continue any Longer in the same person,) That his Son, Ralph Assheton shoud be Town Clerk in his Stead, And it being now again moved, The Recorder thankt the Corporacon for the Regards they had to his Son, And therefore Decline to hold his Office of Town Clerk any Longer than the thirtieth day of November next, At which time his Son, he said, would be of age, Whereupon his Son is Elected Town Clerk in his ffathers Stead, to Enter upon his Office y^{e} Thirtieth day of Novemb^{r} Next.

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At a Comon Councill at Philad^{a} y^{e} 14th Sept^{r} 1716.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorde^{r}

Aldermen.
- Jonath Dickinson
- Anth Morris
- Nathan Stanbury
- Wm Carter
- Abraham Bickley
- Penticost Teague
- Sam^{ll} Richardson
- Joseph Wilcox

- Josa Carpenter
- Owen Roberts
- Thomas Bradford
- Peter Stretch
- Tho Griffith
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Dan^{ll} Radley
- David Giffin
- Thomas Redman
- Benjn Vening.

The price of Indenture for apprentices within this City being now under Consideracon, It is agreed & ordered that Three Shillings be paid to the town Clerk for y^{e} Indentures, And One Shilling & Six Pence to the record^{r} for the Inrolment.

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At a Comen Councill at Philad^{a} y^{e} 29th Sept 1716.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Jonath^{a} Dickinson
- Tho Masters
- Anth Morris
- Nathan Stanbury
- Sam^{ll} Richardson
- Geo Roch
- Ab Bickley

Comon Councill.
- Thomas Griffith
- David Giffing
- Owen Roberts
- Peter Stretch
- Nehemiah Allen
- Wm Fishbourn
- Geo Claypoole
- John Jones
- Dan^{ll} Radley
- Tho Wharton

At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 2^{d} Octob^{r} 1716.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r} Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Jos Wilcox
- Sam^{ll} Richardson
- W^{m} Carter
- Geo Roch
- Nathan Stanbury
- W^{m} Hudson
- Ab Bickley
- Jos Redman
- Jon Dickinson
- Tho Masters

- Owen Roberts
- Tho Griffith
- David Giffen
- Nehemiah Allen
- W^{m} ffishbourn
- Peter Stretch
- Tho Redman
- Dan^{ll} Radley
- Tho Wharton
- John Jones
- Benj^{a} Vening.

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The Comon Council, Pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, Proceeded to y^e^ Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, And the present Mayor was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

James Parrock, Sam^ll^ Carpenter, Richard Moore & Charles Read are Elected Council Men for this City, nemine contradicente.

At a Comon Council at Philad^a^ y^e^ 4^th^ Octob^r^ 1716.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^r^., Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^., Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Jonat^h^ Dickinson
- Tho Masters
- W^m^ Carter
- Nathan Stanbury
- Ab Bickley
- Jos Redman

Com Council.
- Tho Griffith
- Nehemiah Allen
- John Warder
- John Jones
- W^m^ ffishbourn
- Ant^h^ Morris, jun^r^
- Tho Redman
- Tho Wharton
- Dan^ll^ Radley

James Parrock, Sam^ll^ Carpenter & Rich^d^ Moore were Qualified Comon Council men of this City.

Pursuant to the Gov^rs^ Order on Tuesday last for y^e^ Corporacons waiting on him this Day, he desiring till then to Consider Whether he would Qualify the Mayor any other way than by Oath, this Board Waited on y^e^ Gov^r^ & presented the Mayor for his Qualificacon According to Charter. That the Gov^r^ after some Discourse in Relation to Qualification of Officers, gave for answer That he woud not be present at y^e^ Qualificacon of any person unless upon Oath, & refused to Qualify the Mayor any other way.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 26th March 1717.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Sam^{ll} Richardson
- W^{m} Carter
- Abraham Bickley

Comon Council.
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Bradford
- Peter Stretch
- Nehemiah Allen
- John Warder
- James Parrock
- Anthony Morris, jun^{r}
- Tho Redman
- Dan^{ll} Radley
- John Jones
- Sam^{ll} Carpenter

An Ordinance for y^{e} Better Ascertaining & Establishing the Priviledges & advantages of the ffreemen of this City, An Ordinance for y^{e} Compelling Masters of Vessels & Others Using the publick Wharfs of this City, to pay wharfage towards the repair & Support thereof, An Ordinance for y^{e} better regulacon of the Streets & Water Courses of the Built part of the City of Philad^{a}, & for y^{e} pitching & paving the Same, were Read & agreed upon, & were Ordered to be published on Saturday next at Ten of the Clock in y^{e} morning.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 9th April 1717.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Jon^{a} Dickinson
- W^{m} Carter
- Abr^{m} Bickley
- Sam^{ll} Richardson

Comon Council.
- Jos^{a} Carpenter
- Thomas Griffith
- Owen Roberts
- Thomas Bradford
- James Parrock
- Daniel Radley
- W^{m} ffishbourn
- Thomas Redman
- Ant^{h} Morris, jun^{r}
- John Warder
- Thomas Wharton
- Rich^{d} Moore
- Sam^{ll} Carpenter
- John Jones

Upon the Peticon of Justinian ffox, Samuel Robeson, Eliz^{a} Bird & John Bird, peticoning that a fine of ffive pounds Sett upon each of them in y^{e} Court of Record of this City for keeping a publick house of Entertainm^{t}, might be remitted, And the Council taking their Circumstances into Consideracon, Remit Justinian ffox & Sam^{ll} Robeson one half of their s^{d} ffines, & Elizabeth Bird & John Bird, the Whole.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} the 16th April 1717.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}, Mayor	Henry Badcocke
Robert Asseheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}	Thomas Griffith
Jon^{a} Dickinson	Thomas Bradford
William Carter	Owen Roberts
Sam^{ll} Richardson	Peter Stretch
Abraham Bickley	Nehemiah Allen
Jos Redman.	John Warder
	James Parrock
	Thomas Wharton
	Dan^{ll} Radley.

A peticon of David Williams of Abbington was read, praying to be Admitted to Ask the Charity of the Inhabitants of this City, in Case of his house, Barn & Stable being burnt, & it being under Consideracon, it is rejected as being of Ill Consequence.

The Peticon of Thomas Holmes was read, & remains under Consideracon.

Ordered that the Recorder for his trouble in Entring & Compleating the ffredoms & receiving & paying the money, &c., shall receive as a ffee Two Shillings & Six pence out of every ffredom, out of Which he is to pay for the Prints, & Six pence a ffredom to y^{e} Cryer.

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At a Comon Council at Philad[a] the 22[d] April 1717.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq[r], Mayor	Jos[a] Carpenter
Rob[t] Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]	Benj[a] Vening
Sam[ll] Richardson	Owen Roberts
Abraham Bickley	Tho Griffith
W[m] Hudson.	Tho Bradford
	James Parrock
	Geo Claypool
	Jno Warder
	Tho Redman
	Dan[ll] Radley
	Rich[d] Moore
	John Jones.

The persons ffollowing were this day admitted ffreemen of this City.

*Edwd Roberts, pd me . . .	£0 15 6
*Henry Jones, Taylor, pd me . .	0 15 6
*Hugh Parsons, pd me . . .	0 15 6
*Thomas Venn, pd me . . .	0 15 6
*Joseph Waite, pd me . . .	0 5 6
John Knight	0 15 6
John Davis	0 15 6
*Evan Owen, pd me . . .	0 15 6
*John Jones, Tobacconess, pd . .	0 15 6
*Abram Cox, Boot Maker, pd . .	0 5 6
*William Philips, Ship wright, pd .	0 15 6
*John Harcomb, Taylor, pd . .	0 15 6
*Isaac Lenoir, pd	0 5 6

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Thomas Todd	£0	15	6
ffrancis Knowles	0	5	6
*Thomas Peters, junr, pd	0	5	6
R. Peters	0	5	6
*Henry ffaulk, pd me	0	5	6
Thomas Lucas	0	15	6
*Ishmeal Rowland, pd	0	5	6
Robt Bomel	0	5	6
Jacob Warren	0	15	6
*John Blake, pd me	0	15	6
Nicholas Galleau	0	5	6
Benj Pascall, pd	0	5	6
*Isaac L' Grou, Weaver, pd	0	15	6
William Pawlet, Cryer, Gratis	0	0	0
Wm Carter, Junr	0	5	6
*Thomas Bullock, pd	0	15	6
*Paul Preston, pd me	0	5	6
*Thomas Armit, pd	0	5	6
*Joseph Calvart, pd	0	15	6
*George Hopper, pd	0	15	6
*John Lee, Taylor, pd me	0	15	6
Edmd Wooley	0	5	6

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 29th April A^{o} 1717.

Present

Richard Hill Esq^{r}., Mayor	David Giffing
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}	Thomas Griffith
W^{m} Carter	Thomas Bradford
Sam^{ll} Richardson	James Parrock
Anthony Morris	Dan^{ll} Radley
W^{m} Hudson.	John Warder
	Tho Wharton
	John Jones
	Geo Claypoole
	John Jones
	Richard Moore
	Sam^{l} Carpenter.

The Persons following were this day Admitted ffreemen.

*W^{m} Bowell, pd me	£0	15	6
Rob^{t} Owen	0	5	6
John Cambell	0	15	6
*Daniel Harrison, pd	0	5	6
*W^{m} Taylor, Sadler, pd	0	15	6
*John Brown, pd	0	5	6
George Calvart	0	15	6
*George Champion, pd	0	15	6
*Geo Shiers, pd me	0	15	6
Barnabas Talbot	0	15	6
Samuel Kirk	0	15	6
Theophilus Spurrier	0	15	6
*Edward Warner, pd	0	5	6
*John Williams, pd	0	5	6

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*W^m Harry, pd	£0	15	6
*John Cumming, pd	0	5	6
Edw^d Scull, Sen^r	0	15	6
*Lyonal Britam, pd	0	5	6
*John Smith, Wh^ll Wright, pd	0	15	6
*David Evans, pd	0	5	6
*Christopher Thompson, pd	0	15	6
*Giles Green, pd me	0	5	6
*Daniel Ridge, pd me	0	5	6
*Nicholas Crone, pd	0	15	6
*Samuel Massey, pd me	0	15	6
Henry Rothwell, Cordwainder	0	15	6
*Thomas Nevel, pd me	0	5	6
Thomas Oakley	0	5	6
Richard Willis	0	5	6
W^m Vallicot	0	15	6
Henry Paul	0	5	6
John Butler	0	15	6
*Nicholas Ashmead, pd	0	5	6
*John Knowles, pd	0	15	6
John Mason	0	15	6
Anthony Hartley	0	15	6
Phineas Boult	0	15	6
*Thomas Denton, pd me	0	5	6
*Geo Savage, pd	0	5	6
*Peter Allen, p^d	0	15	6

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 6th day of May 1717.

Present

Richd Hill, Esq^{r}., Mayor	Tho Griffith
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}	Tho Bradford
Sam^{ll} Richardson	John Jones
Anth Morris	James Parrock
W^{m} Hudson	Tho Wharton
W^{m} Carter.	John Warden
	Ant^{h} Morris, Jun^{r}
	Dan^{ll} Radley
	Geo Claypoole
	W^{m} ffishbourn
	Sam^{l} Carpenter
	Richd Moore.

Tho Stapleford, Joyner . . .	£0	5	6
Rob^{t} Hubbard, Joyner, pd me . .	0	5	6
Sam^{l} Shourds, Cooper, pd me . .	0	5	6
James Tuthil, Shopkeeper, pd me . .	0	5	6
W^{m} ffisher, Innholder, pd . . .	0	5	6
W^{m} Thomas, Weaver	0	15	6
Joseph Kingstone, Joyner . . .	0	15	6
Robert Mullard, Carver . . .	0	15	6
W^{m} Pascall, Sadler, pd	0	5	6
Thomas Cannon, Tallow Chandler, pd .	0	15	6
John Dilling, Sadler, pd me . . .	0	5	6
Joseph Effred, Malster, pd me . .	0	5	6
John Lewis, Glasier, pd me . . .	0	15	6
Oliver Galtrey, Barber	0	15	6
Roger Thorn	0	15	6

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Geo Allen, Cooper . . .	£0 15 6
Peter Wishart, Tallow Chandler, pd .	0 5 6
Samuel Ring, Innholder, pd . . .	0 15 6
Hugh Hughes, Carpenter . . .	0 5 6
George Plumly, Cuttler, pd . . .	0 5 6
Geo Sheed, Barber, pd	0 15 6
Evan Thomas, Stable keeper . . .	0 5 6
Robt Hubbard, Baker	0 15 6
Joseph Noble, Cuttler, pd . . .	0 5 6
John Widdifield, Joyner . . .	0 15 6
Richd Crookshanks, Cordwaindr pd .	0 5 6
Nicholas Doudney, Wool Comber, pd .	0 15 6
Wm Dobbs, Soap boyler, pd . . .	0 15 6
Robt Hinds, Carter, pd	0 15 6
Nicholas Hitchcock, Carpenter . .	0 5 6
Samuel Bennit, Plaisterer . . .	0 15 6
Daniel Standish, Bricklayer . . .	0 5 6

At a comon Council at Philada 13th May Ao 1717.

Present

Richard Hill, Esqr., Mayor	Josa Carpenter
Robt Assheton, Recordr	Tho Grifith
Wm Carter	David Giffing
Samll Richardson	Peter Stretch
Wm Hudson	John Jones
Ab Bickley.	Danll Radley
	Tho Bradford
	George Claypoole
	Richard Moore.

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The p'sons ffollowing were this day Admitted freemen.

Leeson Loftus, Bolter, pd	£0	5	6
Charles Read, Shop keep	0	5	6
W^m Powell Jun^r	0	5	6
John Read, Carpenter, pd	0	15	6
John Huddon, Baker, pd	0	15	6
W^m ffisher, Carpenter	0	5	6
Walter Griffith, Cordwainer	0	15	6
Joseph Davis, Barber	0	15	6
Peter Taylor, Shipwright, p^d	0	15	6
John Laroach, Merch^t, p^d me	0	5	6
Weinty Collet, Skopkeeper	0	5	6
Rich^d Koer, Sailmaker, p^d	0	5	6
Anth^o Duche Glover, p^d	0	5	6
John Masson, Sailmaker, p^d	0	5	6
John Evans, ffeltmaker, p^d	0	15	6
Nath^ll Allen, Cooper, p^d	0	5	6
Stephen Symons	0	5	6
Dan^l England, Sailmaker, p^d	0	15	6
Char^s Paslear, Barber	0	15	6
John Parsons, Sadler, p^d me	0	15	6

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At a Common Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 20th Day of May 1717.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}
W^{m} Carter
Sam^{ll} Richardson
Abraham Bickley.
Tho Griffith
John Jones
John Warder
Geo Claypoole
Nehemiah Allen
Daniel Radley
Tho Wharton
Tho Redman
Richard Moore
James parrock
Benj Vening.

Matt Birchfield, Cordwainer, p^{d} me	.	.	15 6
Barnard Taylor, Marriner, p^{d}	.	.	15 6
Geo Yard, Bricklayer	.	.	5 6
Isaac Leader, Marriner, p^{d}	.	.	15 6
Margaret Alyin, Shop keep^{r} p^{d}	.	.	5 6
John Henmarsh, Carpenter	.	.	15 6
John Drago, Shipwright, p^{d}	.	.	5 6
Hugh Tress, Jun^{r}, Slaughterer, p^{d}	.	.	15 6
Jacob Shoemaker, Tanner, p^{d}	.	.	15 6
Joseph Taylor, Brewer, p^{d}	.	.	5 6
Christian Crosswhite, wid Inholder, p^{d}		.	5 6
James Everet, Pewterer, p^{d}	.	.	15 6
Gabrial Cox, Saddler, p^{d}	.	.	5 6
Edm^{d} Jones, Cabinet maker	.	.	15 6
John Koster, Carpenter	.	.	5 6
Matthew Ward, Shipwright	.	.	15 6

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John Clawson, Taylor, p^{d} . . .	5 6
Andrew Bradford, Printer . . .	16 6
Paul Morris, Sailmaker	15 6
John Rakestraw, Carter, p^{d} . . .	5 6
W^{m} Rakestraw, Carter, p^{d} . . .	5 6
Tho Robins, Shipwright, p^{d} . . .	15 6
Ew^{d} Bradley, Glasier, p^{d} . . .	15 6
W^{m} Wanless, Tailor, p^{d}	15 6
Thomas Rutter, Jun^{r}, Blacksmith . .	5 6
Ew^{d} Keadwell, Shopkeep^{r} . . .	15 6
ffrancis Richardson, Goldsmith . .	5 6
W^{m} England, Goldsmith	15 6
Joseph Trotter, Cutler, pd . . .	5 6
John Brooks, Baker, pd me . . .	15 6
Thomas Pearse, Plaisterer, pd me . .	5 6
John Heague, Shipwright, pd me . .	5 6
W^{m} Pearl, Merch^{t}, pd me . . .	15 6
Geo Coates, Sadler	5 6
John Beer, Cooper, pd	5 6
Joseph Kent, Blacksmith, pd . . .	15 6
W^{m} Lingard, Smith, pd	15 6
Martin Jarvis, Shopkeep, pd me . .	5 6
Daniel Lewis, Taylor	15 6
John Colly, ffeltmaker, pd me . . .	5 6
Daniel Durborow, ffeltmaker . . .	5 6
W^{m} Harmer, Trader, pd	15 6
Jos: Townsend, Carpenter, pd me . .	15 6
James Moyes, Rope Maker . . .	15 6
Jacob Levering, Joyner, pd me . .	5 6
Geo: Muller, Cooper, pd me . . .	15 6
John George, Paver	5 6

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Sam Robins, ffarmer, pd	15	6	
Stephen Jackson, Shopkeeper, pd	5	6	
Mary Lock, widow, Shopkeeper, pd	5	6	
Thomas Carvel, Slaughterer, pd	15	6	
W^m^ Class, Cordwainer, pd	15	6	
John Dilworth, Brewer	5	6	
Jonathan Palmer, Bricklayer	5	6	
W^m^ Wilkins, Taylor	5	6	
Benj Wait, Taylor	5	6	
James Bingham, Saddler	5	6	
Tho Wood, Cooper	15	6	
John Hudson, Chairmaker	5	6	
Dennis Ratchford, Potter, pd me	5	6	
John Potts, Shipwright, Rec^d^	5	6	
Aaron Goforth, Joyner, pd	15	6	
Aaron Goforth, jun^r^, Joyner	15	6	
Edw^d^ Jones, Cooper,	15	6	
Rich^d^ Gosling, Cuttler	15	6	
W^m^ fforlune, Ropemaker, pd	15	6	
Tho Coates, Brickmaker	5	6	
Mark Dalmast, Baker, pd	15	6	
James Brendley, ffeltmaker, pd	15	6	
Timothy Stevenson, Smith, pd	5	6	
Isaac Ryall, Blacksmith	15	6	
Henry Livering, Cooper, pd me	15	6	
Tho Broom, ffeltmaker, pd me	5	6	
W^m^ Preston, Shopkeeper, pd me	15	6	
Hannah Pratt, Shopkeeper, pd me	5	6	
Thomas Pears, Blacksmith, pd	5	6	
Sam^l^ Richardson, Cooper, pd	5	6	
Anthony Stevens, Cordwainer, pd	5	6	

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} 27th May 1717.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}, Mayor	Thomas Griffith
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}	Geo Claypoole
Sam^{ll} Richardson	John Jones
W^{m} Hudson	John Warder
W^{m} Carter.	Tho Wharton
	Richard Moore
	James Parrock
	Nehemiah Allen
	Daniel Radley.

Samuel Hudson, Tanner	.	.	5 6
John Boyd, Shipwright, pd	.	.	5 6
Peter Worrell, Glover	.	.	15 6
Thomas Owen, Baker	.	.	5 6
Sarah Ratcliff, Shopkeep, pd	.	.	5 6
Thomas ffisher, Cordwainer	.	.	5 6
Austin Paris, ffounder,	.	.	15 6
Benj Peart, Coop. pd	.	.	5 6
Rob^{t} Davis, Innholder, pd	.	.	15 6
Edw^{d} Hughes, Potter, pd	.	.	5 6
Richd Dansey, Cooper	.	.	5 6
Hugh Lowden, Shopkeep	.	.	15 6
Owen Oneal, Sadler, pd	.	.	5 6
Richard Jueson, Sawyer, pd	.	.	5 6
Joseph Jueson, Turner, pd	.	.	15 6
Thomas Lindley, Smith, pd	.	.	15 6
John Milton, Joyner.	.	.	15 6
John Townsend, Labourer, pd	.	.	15 6

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Nehemiah Allen, Junr, Cooper . . 5 6
Alex Lindsey, Sawyer . . . 15 6
Thomas Chase, Mercht, pd . . 5 6
Solomon Cook, Smith . . . 15 6
Thomas Denham, Tallow Chandl, pd 15 6
Philip Kearaty, Shopkeep . . 5 6
Richd Allen, Shipwright . . . 5 6
John Williams, Junr, Taylor, pd . 5 6
Susannah Crapp, Shopkeep . . 5 6
Wm Boile, Innholder, pd . . . 5 6
Thomas Ridge, ffeltmaker . . 5 6
Eliz Carman, Taylor, . . . 5 6
Samuel Johnson, Painter . . . 15 6
Thomas Mitchel, pd me . . . 5 6
Daniel fflower, Carpenter . . . 5 6
Wm Moore, Joyner 15 6
Philip Kenyon, Carpenter . . 15 6
Benj Peters, Shoemaker . . . 5 6
Jeremiah Gatchel, Wheelwright, pd . 5 6
John Harrison, Carpenter, . . 5 6
Sarah Murray, Shopkeep . . . 5 6
Wm Herbert, Shoemaker . . . 15 6
Edmd Davis, Cooper . . . 15 6
John Leech, Shopkeep, pd . . 5 6
Henry Elfreth, Shipwright, pd . . 5 6
Wm Rigby, Cooper, pd . . . 15 6
John Richardson, Cordwainer, pd . 15 6
Wm Rudd, Baker, pd . . . 15 6
James Tucker, Slaughterer, . . 5 6
Wm Bissel, Blacksmith, pd . . 15 6

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Simon Edgell, pewterer, pd	15	6
Wm Branson, Joyner	5	6
John Lancaster, Taylor,	5	6
David Shearing, Taylor, pd	15	6
Benj Oram, Coller Maker, pd	5	6
George Budd, Sadler, pd	5	6
Edwd Bilkington, Whitesmith,	15	6
Jeremiah Snow, Rigger,	15	6
Alex Hall, Sailmaker,	5	6
Wm Jones, Innholder, pd	15	6
Joseph Paide, Barber,	15	6
John Annis, Taylor	15	6
Thomas Bibb, Tanner	5	6
Tho Rakestraw, Carter	5	6
Thomas Lacy, Glasier	5	6
George Shoemaker, Carter, pd	5	6
Micheal Coil, Shipwright	5	6
Samuel Hastings, Shipwright, pd	5	6
Andrew Yousham, Cordwainer	5	6
Daniel Meggs, Weaver	15	6
Herman Casdrop, Shipwright	5	6
James Wood, Shipwright	5	6
Samuel Mickle, Mercht	5	6
George Miflin, Bolter	5	6
Matthew Hubbard, Baker	15	6
Alex fforeman, Turner, pd	5	6
Joseph Smith, Brewer, pd	15	6
Jacob May, Innholder, pd me	5	6
Robert Thompson, Mariner pd	5	6
John Snowden, Tanner, pd	5	6

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Philip Hilyard, Cooper	5	6
Daniel Hood, Cooper	5	6
John Price, Shipwright, pd	15	6
John Lloyd, Blacksmith, pd	15	6
Jeremiah Elfreth, Blacksmith, pd	5	6
Benj Mather, Cordwainer, pd	5	6
Anthony Ward, Clockmaker, pd	15	6
Isabella Clubb, Shopkeeper, pd	5	6
Evan Thomas, Joyner	5	6
John Harper Taylor, pd	5	6
Thomas Shoemaker, Carter, pd	5	6
Anthony Peel, Shopkeep, pd	15	6
W^m^ Jeeson, Leather dresser	5	6
W^m^ Coates, Brickmaker	5	6
Richd Chiner, Blockmaker, pd	5	6
Peter Renear, Shipwright, pd	5	6
Thomas Mountford, Shopkeep, pd	15	6
Samuel Stretch, Watchmaker	15	6
W^m^ Chancellar, Sailmaker	5	6
W^m^ Hawkins, Carpenter	5	6
Thomas Ashton, Shipwright	5	6
John Howard, Blacksmith	15	6
Thedlock Riners, Shopkeep, pd	5	6
Aaron Huliot, Painter	15	6
Sam^l^ Davies, Shipwright	15	6
Andrew Dahl, Mariner	5	6
Joseph Richards, Merch^t^	5	6
John Samms, Cordwainer	15	6
Joseph Humfrits, Joyner, pd	5	6
W^m^ Mason, Turner	15	6

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John Tomlinson, Currier, pd . .	15 6
Ralph Harper, Carpenter . . .	15 6
Ebenezar Large, Currier, pd . .	15 6
Thomas fflower, Cooper . . .	5 6
Richard Walker, Cordwainer, pd .	15 6
Tho Elkington, Sawyer, pd . .	15 6
W^m^ ffarmer, Slaughterer . . .	15 6
John Breintnall, Cordwainer, pd .	5 6
W^m^ Philpot, Currier pd . . .	5 6
Thomas Wells, Shipwright, pd . .	5 6
Stephen Atkinson, Clothier, pd .	15 6
Henry Munday, Sadler . . .	5 6
Joseph Wood, Carpenter, pd . .	5 6
Eliz Carter, Widow, Baker, pd .	5 6
James Bayles, Marriner . . .	15 6
Anthony Moore, Blacksmith . .	5 6
John Basset, Mason	15 6
John Newbury, Carpenter, pd . .	5 6
John Mifflin, Merch^t^, pd . . .	5 6
Tho Smallwood, Shipwright, pd .	5 6
George Stannons, Carter . . .	£2 „ „
Daniel Jones, Taylor . . .	5 6
John Bird, Carpenter . . .	5 6
Henry Kingston, Slaughterer . .	15 6
Steph Bayelie, Blockmaker . .	15 6
George Wilson, Shopkeep, pd . .	5 6
Tho Brown, Shipwright, pd . .	5 6
Abram Pride, Brickmaker . .	5 6
Tho Pascall, Jun^r^, pd . . .	5 6
John Coates, Brickmaker, pd . .	5 6

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Joseph Lynn, Shipwright, pd . .	5 6
Mainalion Lalous	15 6
Henry Stevens, Marriner . . .	5 6
Edwd Hunt, Goldsmith . . .	15 6
Timothy Green, Brickmaker . .	5 6
John Griffith, Brickmaker . .	5 6
Griffith Marling, Brickmaker . .	15 6
John Bird, Carpenter . . .	5 6
Henry ffrogly, Joyner . . .	15 6
James Wilkins, Joyner . . .	15 6
Daniel Wilcox, Ropemaker, pd . .	5 6
W^m^ Broom, Cooper, pd . . .	5 6
John Ashmead, Blacksmith, pd . .	5 6
John Hastings, Shipwright, pd . .	5 6
John Hart, Bricklayer, pd . .	5 6
Isaac Merriatt, Carpenter, pd . .	15 6
Joseph Harper, Carpenter . .	15 6
Jane Bing, Shopkeeper . . .	5 6
Isaac Hollingham, Carter . . .	£2 „ „
Armstrong Smith, Shipwright . .	15 6
Peter Steel, Brasier	15 6
Adam Lewis, Carpenter . . .	5 6
W^m^ Hudson, Jun^r^, Tanner, pd . .	5 6
W^m^ Harris, Shipwright, pd . .	5 6
Geo Emlen, Innholder . . .	5 6
James Winstanley, Brasier, . .	15 6
Alex Gordon, Shopkeeper, pd . .	5 6
Richd Robinson, Shopkeeper, pd .	5 6
Hester Syenter, Shopkeeper, pd .	5 6
Thomas Tress, Merch^t^, pd . .	5 6

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Tho Willard, Shipwright, pd	5	6	
Moses Durell, Shipwright	15	6	
Sam[l] Monchton, Pharmacopeia, pd	15	6	
Edwd Scull, Jun[r], Joyner, pd	5	6	
W[m] Tidmarsh, Innholder, pd	15	6	
W[m] Drason, Marriner	5	6	
Silvanus Smout, Blacksmith,	5	6	
Thomas Taylor, Marriner, pd	15	6	
John Carter, Brickmaker	5	6	
W[m] Dawardihause, Marriner, pd	5	6	
W[m] Little, Blacksmith, pd	5	6	
Edwd Smout, Barber,	5	6	
Bently Cook, pd	15	6	
W[m] Hill, Porter	15	6	
Grace Townsend, Widow, pd	5	6	
Mark Harrison, Labourer	15	6	
John Parsons, Carter	2	„	„
Tho Coates, Shopkeeper	5	6	
Robert Parker, pd	5	6	
Thomas Barger,	15	6	
Samuel Jacobs, Marriner	15	6	
Samuel Robinson, Plaisterer	5	6	
Mary Broadway, Widow, pd	5	6	
Hannah Scott, Widow	5	6	
Thomas Case,	15	6	
Evan W[ms], Taylor, pd	15	6	
Laurence Sadler, porter	15	6	
Rob[t] Midwinter, Shoemaker	5	6	
Toby Such	5	6	
Peter Cooper, Painter	5	6	

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John Lock, Porter	15 6
Thomas Elwood, Labourer . .	5 6
Everhalt Ream, Baker, pd . .	15 6
Peter Luolie, Painter, pd . .	15 6
Thomas Paglan, ffounder, pd . .	15 6
Daniel Jones, Taylor . . .	15 6
Tho Walker, Innholder, pd . .	15 6
Tho Cook, Taylor	15 6
Oliver Whitehead, pd . . .	5 6
John Betinson, Innholder, pd . .	5 6
Benj Duffield, pd	5 6
W^m^ Thomas, Cooper, pd . . .	15 6
John Winn, Docter, pd . . .	5 6
Israel Cox	15 6
Richard Tomlin, Labo . . .	15 6
John Rile, Cordwainer, pd . .	5 6
Henry Hill, Maryland Merch^t^ . .	15 6
Tho Lloyd, London Merch^t^ . .	15 6
Tho Martin, Shopkeep . . .	15 6
John Harris, Cordwainer, pd . .	15 6
William Cox	15 6

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 9th Aug 1717.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq^{r}, Mayor	Tho Bradford
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}	Thos Griffith
Jon^{a} Dickenson	John Jones
Tho Masters	Geo Claypool
Wm Hudson.	Richard Moore
	Sam^{ll} Carpenter
	John Warder
	Dan^{ll} Radley
	James Parrock
	Thomas Redman
	Thomas Wharton
	Anth Morris, Jun^{r}
	Charles Read.

Charles Read was now Qualified a member of Comon Council.

Jonathan Dickinson, William Carter, George Claypool & John Warder, or any three of them, are appointed to Measure the Pavement about the Court House, & to receive the accounts of the workmen & to pay what is Due to them out of the money that is in the Hands of the Collector of the Stall Rents, & if that money will not be Sufficient, then to pay them out of the ffreedom money, & the sum that shall be taken out of the Stock of the ffreedom money to be paid to the Same Stock again out of the money hereafter to be Collected for Stall Rents.

Ordered that the Regulators View Jones' Alley, & Direct the Water Course & Pavement as they See most Convenient.

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Ordered that the Record[r] Pay what money he has rec'd for the ffreedoms to the Treasurer, & to Use his Endeavour to Collect the rest.

Jonathan Dickinson, William Carter, William Hudson, Joseph Redman, Owen Roberts, Thomas Griffith, William ffishbourn, James Parrock & Thomas Redman, are appointed Regulators of the Streets & Water Courses of this City, & that any ffive of the sd Regulators may Act.

It is Agreed that the ffloor under the Court House be Raised Eight Inches, to ffront Each Arch with Stone, & be paved throughout with Brick, & Secured with posts to keep out Carts, Horses, etc. And Alderman Dickinson & Alderman Carter, are Desired to Get the Same Done & pay the Workman as in the fformer minut ab[t] y[e] Pavement.

Alderman Dickinson & Anthony Morris & Benj Vening, are Desired to Continue ther Care ab[t] y[e] Bridge & Causeway at y[e] South End of the Town, & Get the Same ffinish with all Speed, & afterwds Produce their Accounts.

Alderman Masters & Alderman Redman & Alderman Bickley are appointed Overseers of the Work to be done At the Market Wharfe, who are to be paid out of the Treasury as may be occasion.

Thomas Bradford, Thomas Wharton & Daniel Radley are Appointed Overseers of the Work to be done in Repairing the Two Brick Bridges, one in the Second Street & the other in Walnut Street.

The Mayor Acquainted the Council that at their request, he had negotiated for them in England The Address to the King, And that Some Charge is Accrewed thereupon, viz: Six pounds ten Shillings Sterling. And also that he had Advanced Seven Pounds for the

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Corporation in Employing Some Council in an Affair that was in Dispute about the Authority of the Corporation, wch s'd Sums were Allowed, And the Mayor having ffive pounds in his hands for a fine of Sampson Carrys not Serving Constable this Year, the Sum of ffifteen pounds more is to be paid him in twelve months.

The Treasurer of this City is ordered to take Some Method for the Better Collecting the money for Chimney ffireing.

A Peticon of Joseph Antrobas was Read, Setting fforth that he had Obtained from the Late Gov^{r} a Commission for a Vendue master by the Recomendation of this Board, & has ever Since Continued in an uninterrupted Exercise of it, but Understanding Some Persons at this time with Diligence were Endeavouring to Supplant him, he had nothing Left to Rely upon but the ffavour of this Board, he being willing to Submit it to Such Direction & Regulations as from time to time Should be given him for the better Carrying on & Managem^{t} of that Office, And if he had been Guilty of any Misfeasance therein it had been chiefly owing to the Scarcity of money & Inability of psons often presuming to Buy, not being able to Pay, at Least not in Convenient time, And Humbly Craved a Continuation of the former ffavour of this Board, And their recomendation to his hon^{r} the Gov^{r} for his Renewing his Comission. Whereupon, George Claypoole, a member of this Board, Requested that if Joseph Antrobus was not Recomended to the Gov^{r}, that they would be pleased to Recomend him, Upon which the Peticon of the s'd Joseph Antrobus was taken into Consideracon & put to the Vote, & having a Majority for his Continuance & recomendation, he is now continued & recomended to his hon^{r} the Gov^{r} for a Comission for the said Office, he Giving Security to the Corporation that he will take Such Direction from time to time as they shall Give in Relation to y^{e} s'd Office of Vendue Master.

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At a Comon Council at Philad[a] the 1[st] Octo[r] 1717.

Present

Richard Hill, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Anthony Morris
- Joseph Wilcox
- William Carter
- Sam[ll] Richardson
- Pentecost Teague
- W[m] Hudson
- Abraham Bickley
- Jonathan Dickinson
- Joseph Redman
- Sam[ll] Preston
- Nathan Stanbury

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Thomas Griffith
- Owen Roberts
- Thomas Bradford
- Nehemiah Allen
- John Jones
- Peter Stretch
- William Fishbourne
- Thomas Redman
- Daniel Radley
- Anth Morris, jun[r]
- Tho Wharton
- John Warder
- Richard Moore
- Sam[ll] Carpenter
- George Claypoole
- James Parrock
- John Budd

The Comon Council Pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, Proceded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing. Year And the Present Mayor was Elected by a Majority of Votes. Richard Hill, the Mayor now Elect, for reasons by Him Offered to the Board, together with his having at this Boards Importunity Served the Last Year, is Excused & no ffine for his Refusal Imposed upon him. Whereupon the Board Proceeded to a New Election, And Alderman Dickinson was Elected by a Majority of Votes, Who accepted thereof.

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James Logan was Chosen an Alderman of this City, Nemine Contradicente.

Samuel Powell, Edward Roberts, Evan Owens, & George ffitzwater, were Chosen Comon Council Men of this City, Nemine Contradicente.

At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 29th Jan'y 1717.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- William Carter
- Abraham Bickley
- William Hudson
- Joseph Redman
- Thomas Masters

Richard Moore
Sam^{ll} Carpenter
Charles Read
Jos^{a} Carpenter
Thos Griffith
Owen Roberts
Nehemiah Allen
Thomas Bradford
Peter Stretch
Henry Badcoke
John Jones
Daniel Radley
Thomas Wharton
Geo Claypool
James Parrock
William ffishbourn
John Warder.

Edward Roberts, George ffitzwater & Evan Owen were now Qualified Comon Council men & took their place at y^{e} Board.

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Ordered that William Hudson & William ffishbourn, Adjust the Accounts with the Clerk of y^e^ Market ag^t^ y^e^ next Council.

Upon Reading y^e^ Peticon for Granting fferrys in this City, The Mayor, Recorder & Alderman Hill, are Desired to wait on y^e^ Assembly with a Peticon that a Bill may brought in for Vesting the power of Granting the s'd fferrys in y^e^ Corporacon of this City.

Whereas, William Davis of the County of Chester, & one Peter Devene, have Obtained the Gov^rs^ Lycence to ask the Charity of y^e^ Inhabitants of this City by occasion of Some Misfortunes they have ffaln under, And the Charge of this City occasioned by the Repairs of the Wharfs, Maintenance of the Poor, & other Incidents Laying Hard on the Inhabitants, It is Ordered that the Mayor, Recorder & Alderman Hill, Do wait on the Governour & request him that he would be pleased to give the Magistrates of this City a Hearing in ffavour of y^e^ Inhabitants before he Grants any pson Such a lycence for y^e^ ffuture.

Upon the Peticon of Simon Edgill, Setting fforth that there is a vacancy of the Office for Sealing Weights & Measures within this City, Craved that this Board Would please to appoint him to Execute y^e^ s'd Office, wch s'd peticon is referred to y^e^ next Council.

Sarah Smith peticoning that a ffine of Ten pounds Set upon her Last October Sessions for having a Bastard Child, might be Remitted, And the Board taking the Circumstances of the Person into Consideration, Remit ffifty Shillings of the s'd ffine, She paying y^e^ Remainder, or giving Security for y^e^ Same.

ffrancis Cole, peticoning that a ffine of ffive pounds, Set upon him the Last City Sessions for keeping a Publick House without

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Lycence, might be Remitted, the Board taking y^e^ Same into Consideracon, Do remit the s'd ffrancis Cole ffifty Shillings.

At a Comon Council at Philad^a^ y^e^ 26^th^ ffeb'y 1717.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson Esq^r^, Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq^r^., Record^r^
Richard Hill,
Thomas Masters
W^m^ Hudson
Abraham Bickley
} Aldermen.

Henry Badcocke
Thomas Griffith
Peter Stretch
W^m^ Fishbourn
Benj^a^ Vening
John Jones
Thomas Bradford
Owen Roberts
George ffitzwater
Daniel Radley
Thomas Wharton
Anthony Morris, jun^r^
Evan Owen
Edwd Roberts
John Warder
Thomas Redman.

Nicholas Williams, peticoning that a fine of ffifty pounds, Set upon him the Last City Sessions for beating his ffather, might be remitted, the Board having taken the same into Consideracon & the Peticoners ffamily being very poor & indigent, have remitted the s'd ffine.

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Peter Stretch Exhibited an account of Work done, & several Disbursments on the town clock, wch was read, & the Sum of Eight pounds Eighteen shillings & ten pence is allow'd him.

At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} the 6th March 1718.

Present

Jonath Dickinson, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter
- Abraham Bickley
- Anth Morris
- William Hudson

Comon Council.
- Thomas Griffith
- Benj^{a} Vening
- John Jones
- Edward Roberts
- Thomas Bradford
- Nehemiah Allen
- Thomas Wharton
- George Claypoole
- John Warder
- Evan Owen
- William ffishbourn
- George ffitzwater
- James Parrock
- Peter Stretch
- Daniel Radley

Thomas Masters, Abraham Bickley & Joseph Redman, being before appointed to Oversee the Work at the Market Wharf, are desir'd to get what is already began Compleated with all Expedition. And if the Thirty pounds they have an Order for on the Treasurer be not Sufficient to ffinish it, they may have an Addition as Occasion shall require.

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Thomas Masters, Joseph Redman, Thomas Bradford & George Claypoole, are desired to Inspect the work done by William Branson under the Court House, & put an Honest Estimate upon the same, that he may be paid for the s'd Work.

William Pawlet Sets forth by his Peticon that for several years past has not had any allowance for his ffrequent Sumoning & Attending of the Comon Council, & Requests that this Board woud Come to Some Resolution as to a Sallary for the same, Which being now Under Consideracon, It is Ordered that for the future for his Sumoning of the Comon Council, Opening & Shutting of the Gates of the Court house & keeping the same clean & the pavement clear of Horses, he shall receive as a Sallary the Sum of Eight pounds for the Ensuing Year.

Ordered that no vendue or publick Sale of Goods be made under the Court House by any pson, Unless a Consideracon be paid to the Corporacon for the Same.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 13th May 1718.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Wm Carter
- William Hudson
- Abraham Bickley

Common Council.
- Tho Griffith
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Richard Moore
- Anth Morris, jun^{r}
- Samuel Carpenter
- Thomas Redman
- Thomas Wharton
- Daniel Radley
- George Claypoole

The persons appointed to Inspect & put an Estimate upon William Bransons Accn^{t} for his Worke done Under y^{e} Court house, makeing no return thereof, It fell Under y^{e} debate of this Board what Sum Should be rendred the s^{d} Branson as a Quantum Meruit for the Same, And the Sum of Thirty two pounds Tenn Shillings is agreed Upon as a full Compensation for the said work, It being Moov'd that it would be of Singular Conveinience to the Town if Some person were Appointed to Inspect the Water courses, and to take Care that the Same be done According to Regulation. And it being Put to the Vote, it is Agreed that Such a pson be Appointed, Whereupon, Thomas Redman being requested to accept thereof, he undertook the Same at 1^{d} p foot, to be paid him by y^{e} pson to whome the Water Course belonge.

A Petition of the Taylors & Cordwainers was read, & remained under Consideracon till y^{e} Next Council, And the Recorder is Re-

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quested to Inspect the Books, & report the properest method of Incorporating of particular Bodies within this Corporation.

The Sum of ffive pounds is allowed William Pawlet ffor his Past Service in this Corporacon.

At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 23 Jun^{e} 1718.

Present

Jonath^{n} Dickenson, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Record^{r}
Anth Morris
W^{m} Carter
W^{m} Hudson
Ab Bickley.

Comon Council.
Tho Griffith
Jos^{e} Carpenter
Tho Bradford
peter Stretch
James Parrock
Tho Wharton
Tho Redman
Jno Warder
Edwd Roberts
Evan Owen
Chas Read
Dan^{ll} Radley

It is Ordered that W^{m} Hudson, Charles Read, Edwd Roberts & Evan Owen, or any two of them, Do Examine the acco^{ts} of the Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriffe & Clerk of y^{e} Market, or any other pesons in relation to what moneys they have rece'd and disbursed for the use of y^{e} Corporacon, & make their report at the Next Meeting of the Comon Councill. Whereas, the Severall Trades or Manufactors within this City, Complain that, notwithstanding their taking out of their ffreedoms, Several Strangers are daily Comeing

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into & Settling therein, not Qualify'd to Exercise their Trades, whereby great Damages Accrue not only to S^{d} Traders themselves, but to the Publick. And Whereas, Severall of the Sd Manufactors have peticoned to be Incorporated the better to Serve y^{e} Publick in their respective Capacities, It is therefore Ordered that Such of the Trades or Manufactors afs^{d} as desire to be So Incorporated doe with all Expedicon advise with Councill learn'd in the Law, and procure a draught of an Ordinance for that purpose, Such as may be Consonal Agreeable to y^{e} Laws of England & this Governm^{t}, and for a Publick Good, and lay y^{e} Same before the Next Council.

Ordered that y^{e} Recorder draw an Ordinance for y^{e} better Regu-. lation of the Carter's, Carr Men & Dray Men, & for Settling their Wages, &c., And lay it before y^{e} Next Council.

Upon the Petition of Richard Keys, Setting forth that he was ffined the Last Sessions for Keeping a Publick House without Ly-cence, Crave that this Board would remitt this ffine. And the Board takeing y^{e} p'emisses into Consideracon and Considering of y^{e} psons Circumstances, do remitt three fourths of y^{e} S^{d} ffine.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 14th July 1718.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^{r}., Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}., Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Samuel Preston
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Abraham Bickley
- Jos Redman

Comon Council.
- Charles Read
- Thomas Griffith
- Peter Stretch
- Nehemiah Allen
- Thomas Bradford
- John Jones
- George Claypoole
- Daniel Radley
- George Fitzwater
- Edward Roberts
- Evan Owen
- Thomas Wharton

Upon the Application of Benj^{a} Morgan & Edwd Church, praying they may Continue the pump in y^{e} Middle of y^{e} ffront Street Opposite to Ewer's Alley, And the Same being Under Consideracon, the Board is of Oppinion that that Pump has ever been a Publick and Comon Nusance, and that y^{e} Well Ought to be filld up, Nevertheless, that the Petitioners may have a Convenient time to Sink a New Well According to Regulacons, they have Leave to Continue y^{e} Said Pump till y^{e} first day of Feb^{ry} next, and no Longer.

It being now Under Consideracon what Rent John Leech, the present Vendue Master, for y^{e} time being shall pay for y^{e} use of the Court house in Selling their Goods, the Rent is Settled at Tenn pounds p'Am, to be paid Quarterly, to Commence from this day, which Rent shall be Applyed for y^{e} Use of y^{e} house, and no other Use Whatsoever.

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Alderman Carter is requested to agree with Such psons as are Willing to take y^e^ Stalls Under y^e^ Court House Stairs at the Yearly Rent of three pounds and not Under. And if the psons in Possession are willing to pay that Rent, they are to have y^e^ refusal thereof. Alderman Carter Collect^r^ of y^e^ Stall Rents Acquaints the Board that Thomas Carvell is Nine Shillings in Arrear for y^e^ Rent of his Stall One Year Ending y^e^ 30^th^ day of September Last, who refuses to pay y^e^ Same. It is therefore Order'd that unless he pay the s'd Rent on y^e^ s'd Alderman Carters demand thereof, that the Beadle do pluck up his Stall, he being only Tenant at will.

At a Comon Council at Philad^a^ y^e^ 20^th^ Sep 1718.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^r^., Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^., Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Thomas Masters
- William Carter
- Abraham Bickley
- William Hudson

Comon Council.
- Thomas Griffith
- Peter Stretch
- George Claypool
- Edw^d^ Roberts
- Evan Owen
- W^m^ ffishbourn
- Richard Moore
- Sam^l^ Carpenter
- James Parrock
- Daniel Radley

It is Ordered that y^e^ Minute of y^e^ 14^th^ July last in Relation to y^e^ Rents of y^e^ two Standings at y^e^ East End of y^e^ Court house Shall Stand but for this present Year, the Shall have

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Abated Tenn Shillings of y^{e} S^{d} three pounds in Consideration of their Covering and making the Stalls.

Order'd that Alderman Carter Discourse y^{e} p'esons in Possession of the two Corner Stalls Unlet, Under ye Court house, as to y^{e} Yearly Rent thereof, & Report it to y^{e} Next Council.

An Ordinance Intituled an Ordinance for y^{e} better Secureing the New Pavements in this City, was Read and Past, & it is Order'd to be Ingrost ag^{t} Next Meeting of y^{e} Councill.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL,

1718 TO 1735.

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At a Comon Council at Philadelphia y^e^ 7^th^ October 1718.

Present

Jonathon Dickinson, Esq^r^., May^r^
Robert Assheton, Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Nathan Stanbury
- William Carter
- Abraham Bickley
- William Hudson
- Joseph Redman
- Joseph Wilcox
- Richard Hill

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Thomas Griffith
- Owen Roberts
- James Parrock
- Nehemiah Allen
- Thomas Bradford
- George Claypoole
- W^m^ Fishbourn
- Thomas Redman
- John Jones
- Edward Roberts
- Evan Owen
- George Fitzwater
- John Warder
- Peter Stretch
- Charles Read
- Richard Moore
- Sam^l^ Carpenter
- Daniel Radley
- Benj^a^ Vinning

The Comon Council, pursuant to the Business of the Day, proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & Jonathan Dickinson was Chosen by a Majority of Votes.

Thomas Griffith & William ffishbourn are Elected Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes.

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Israel Pemberton, John Carpenter, John Cadwallider, Joseph Buckley, Thomas Griffitts & Thomas Tresse are Elected Comon Council Men.

Alderman Hudson, Alderman Redman, Benjamin Vinning, Edward Roberts & Samuel Carpenter were Sent on a Message to y^e^ Govern^r^, to Acquaint him of their Choice of the Mayor, and to know when the Corporacon Should Wait on him to present the Mayor to be Qualified, and the Gov^r^ Appointed to Morrow Morning at Tenn a Clock.

Att a Comon Council at Philadelphia y^e^ 24^th^ Novem^r^ 1718.

Present

Jonathon Dickinson, Esq^r^., Mayor
Robert Asheton, Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Anthony Morris
- William Hudson
- Abra^m^ Bickley
- Thomas Griffith
- Joseph Redman
- Thomas Masters

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Thomas Bradford
- Edward Roberts
- Evan Owen
- Richard Moore
- John Cadwallader
- John Carpenter
- John Jones
- George Fitzwater
- Thomas Tresse
- Thomas Griffitts
- Joseph Buckley
- Israel Pemberton
- Thomas Redman
- George Claypoole

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Thomas Griffitts & Israel Pemberton were now Qualified Comon Council Men of this City.

Whereas Several of the Inhabitants of this City have Voluntarily Gone into the paveing from y^e^ Kennel to the Middle of the Streets before their respective Tenements, with pibble Stones; and many others are Levelling to follow their Example, But forasmuch as what is already Done is very much Damnified by the Excessive weight of Carriages, and will be every day more & more Unless Some measures are Speedily taken to prevent the Same, Therefore Alderman ffishbourn, Thomas Griffitts, Owen Roberts, Edward Roberts & John Cadwallader are Order'd to bring in an Ordinance for the preventing of the Carters or Others their Carrying Such Excessive Loads, and lay y^e^ Same before the Next Comon Council.

Alderman Carter Collect^r^ of the Stall Rents Complaining that Severall psons Refuse to pay their Rents, and prays y^e^ Opinion of the Board What Measures he Shall take to Compell them to pay the Same, It is y^e^ Opinion of y^e^ board, Such psons being only Tenants at Will, that their Stalls be removed and the Ground Let to Such psons as will pay for the Same.

It Manifestly Appearing that Divers psons, Renters of Markett Stalls, Let out the Same at three or four or ffive times more Rent than they pay, Which Advantage Should rather Accrue to the Corporation, It is therefore Ordered that the Mayor, Alderman Redman, George Claypoole & Thomas Redman Draw a Scheme for the Building New Markett Stalls, and lay it before the Next Councill, together with a Computation of the Cost thereof.

It being Apparent that y^e^ Neglect of y^e^ Members of this Board Not giving their Attendance at y^e^ time of Sumons, Very much re-

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tards y^e^ public Business, It is y^e^ Unanimous Opinion of this Council that hence forward the Sum of three Shillings be Strictly required of Such Members as do not attend y^e^ time of Sumons, or within one hour next after, pursuant to a fformer Order of this Board in y^e^ year 1702. And because the absence of the Mayor and Record^r^ will totally Stop all proceedings, it is agreed they pay double.

Att a Comon Council y^e^ 8^th^ December 1718.

Present

Jonathon Dickinson, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robt Asheton, Esq^r^, Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Anthony Morris
- William Carter
- Abraham Bickley
- Joseph Redman
- Thomas Griffith
- William ffishbourn

Comon Council.
- George Claypoole
- Edward Roberts
- Evan Owen
- Richard Moore
- Thomas Griffitts
- John Carpenter
- Daniel Radley
- Geo. Fitzwater
- John Cadwallader
- Israel Pemberton
- Thomas Tresse
- Joseph Buckley

The Members Appointed to bring in an Ordinance for preventing Carters, &c^e^ for Carrying Excessive Loads in this City, having not fully Compleated the Same, are to Lay it before the Next Councill, and Alderman Carter is added to Assist them in y^e^ Doing thereof. The peons Apointed the Last Council to Draw a Scheme for the

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Building New Market Stalls, Report that they have done y^e^ Same, and left it in the hands of Thomas Redman, who being Absent they are to bring it in y^e^ Next Sitting of the Council.

The Treasurer of this City Acquainted the Board that Severall psons who have given their Notes for their Chimney ffiring Refused to pay, It is therefore Order'd that he Prosecute According to Law for the Recovery thereof.

This Councill having now Agreed with Abraham Bickley for his ffire Engine At y^e^ Sum of £50 - - - It is Order'd that the Treasurer pay y^e^ S^d^ Sum out of y^e^ Money Raised or to be Raised for Chimney ffiring, with all Expedition possible.

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Att a Comon Council at Philadelphia y^e^ 25^th^ Decemb^r^ 1718.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Asheton, Esq^r^, Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Anthony Morris
- William Carter
- Thomas Masters
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffith
- William ffishbourn
- Samuel Preston

Absent
- Joseph Wilcox
- Nathan Stanbury
- Abraham Bickley.

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Nehemiah Allen
- James Parrock
- John Jones
- Edward Roberts
- Thomas Redman
- Thomas Bradford
- Evan Owen
- Daniel Radley
- George Claypoole
- John Cadwallader
- John Carpenter
- Thomas Griffitts
- Israel Pemberton
- George Fitzwater
- Richard Moore
- Joseph Buckley
- An: Morris, Jun^r^

Absent
- Henry Badcocke
- John Budd.

Robert Wood Exhibiting the Gov^rs^ Brief to Request the Charity of all psons in this Province towards the Repairing of his Damage by Occasion of his Shallops being taken by Pirates, and it being

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now Under Consideration Whether he Should be Suffered to Ask the Charity of y^e^ Inhabitants, The Board Came to this Resolution, That in regard of the many Taxes the Inhabitants of this City are Subject to, Beyond any other part of this Province in provideing for the poor Building & Supporting of Publick Wharfes, &c It would be Unreasonable to Impower y^e^ Peticoner (Especially Since he is an Inhabitant of another Governm^t^) to Request the Charity of the Inhabitants by any Publick Instrument or Writeing from the Mayor, for that y^e^ Same would be a very Ill pressident.

Thomas Redman now produce the Scheme of the Markett Stalls, and there being Some Objections against it, Therefore the Mayor, Alderman Hill, Alderman Masters, Alderman Redman, Thomas Redman, George Claypoole & Thomas Griffitts, or some ffour of them are Appointed to draw another Scheme, and Lay y^e^ Same before y^e^ Next Councill.

Ordered that the Mayor Give an Order to Peter Stretch upon John Leech, Vandue Master, for y^e^ Sum of ffive pounds, payable the ffourteenth Day of January Next, in part of an Acco^t^ Allowed him y^e^ 26^th^ of March Last, y^e^ Ballance thereof being £8 : 18 : 10.

Ordered that y^e^ Mayor Give Alderman Carter an Ord^r^ upon Owen Roberts, Sherif, for y^e^ Sum of Six pounds, it being y^e^ ballance Due to Wm Branson for making the Gates under y^e^ Court house.

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Att a Comon Council at Philadelphia y^e^ 29^th^ of December 1718.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Asheton, Esq^r^, Record^r^

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- Abraham Bickley
- William Hudson
- Joseph Redman
- Thomas Griffith
- William ffishbourn

Absent
- Richard Hill
- Jos. Wilcox
- Nathan Stanbury
- Thomas Masters
- Samuel Preston.

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Nehemiah Allen
- Thomas Bradford
- Owen Roberts
- Evan Owen
- Edwd Roberts
- James Parrock
- Sam^l^ Carpenter
- Rich^d^ Moore
- Thos. Redman
- John Cadwallader
- George Claypoole
- John Carpenter
- George Fitzwater
- Thomas Griffitts
- Israel Pemberton
- Thomas Tresse
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Charles Read
- John Jones
- Anthony Morris, Jun^r^.
- Peter Stretch

Absent
- Henry Badcock
- John Budd
- Benjamin Vinning
- Joseph Buckley.

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Samuel Powell being required to pay his Stall Rents prays a discount, he being Considerable out of Pocket in Building of y^e^ Bridge over y^e^ Dock in Walnut Street, Its y^e^ Opinion of the Board that Such discounts may be Inconvenient, Nevertheless how farr this City is Obliged to pay off Sam^l^ Powells demands, is Ord^d^ to be Examined by Alderman Carter, W. Hudson, Thos. Griffitts & Geo: Claypoole, Who are to Report the Same y^e^ Next Councill.

Thomas Redman now produces y^e^ Scheme of the New Stalls, Which upon Examinacon is verry well approved on, and its now Ord^d^ that y^e^ Mayor, Alderman Hudson & Alderman Redman Get a Subscription of Such psons as are Willing to Subscribe towards the Building the Same, And the money advanct, with Interest thereof, is to be paid out of y^e^ Rents as y^e^ Same Shall become due, in proportion to the Sums Such Subscriber Shall Advance.

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Att a Comon Council at Philad[a] the 6[th] of April Anno 1719.

Present

Jonathon Dickinson, Esq[r]. Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Thomas Redman
- Thos Griffith
- William Fishbourn

Absent
- Richard Hill
- Joseph Wilcox
- Nathan Stanbury
- Thomas Masters
- Samuel Preston
- Abraham Bickley.

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Thomas Bradford
- Owen Roberts
- Edward Roberts
- George Claypool
- John Cadwallader
- Evan Owen
- Israel Pemberton
- John Warder
- Anthony Morris, Jun[r]
- Thomas Tresse
- Joseph Buckley
- John Carpenter
- Thomas Griffitts
- Richard Moore
- Samuel Carpenter
- Thomas Redman
- Benj[a] Vinning
- Charles Read
- James Parrock
- Daniel Radley
- Peter Stretch

Absent
- Henry Badcock
- John Budd
- Jones Jones
- Geor Fitzwater
- Nehemiah Allen.

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An Ordinance for Better Preserving & Encouraging of y^e^ Pave-m^ts^ of the Middle of y^e^ Streets of this City, with Pebbles, & for the Regulation of y^e^ Comon Carters, Dray Men & Porters within the Same Was Read, & Ordered to be Ingrost.

A Peticon of Sarah Harper, Setting forth that She was ffin'd y^e^ Sum of 10£ for Comitting ffornication, Craves y^e^ Board to remitt the sd ffine, She being under very bad Circumstances. The Board having taken y^e^ premisses under Consideracon, do Remitt y^e^ sd ffine.

William ffishbourn, y^e^ City Treasurer, is Ordered to pay to W^m^ Pawlet out of y^e^ Publick Stock the sum of Thirteen pounds in part of his Service Done for this City.

Att a Comon Council at Philad^a^ y^e^ 19^th^ June 1719.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Thomas Masters
- William Carter
- Nathan Stanbury
- Thomas Griffith
- William ffishbourn
- William Hudson

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Nehemiah Allen
- Thomas Bradford
- Daniel Radley
- Peter Stretch
- Joseph Buckley
- John Warder
- Richard Moore
- John Carpenter
- George Fitzwater
- Edward Roberts
- Evan Owen
- Anthony Morris, Jun^r^
- Thomas Redman

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Severall Peticons of the Comon Carters, Dray Men & Porters of this City being Read, Complaining of the Smallness of their Wages Settled by y^e^ late Ordinance. And the Wages therein Mentioned haveing been now Under farther Consideracon, It is Ordred and Agreed that the Comon Carters shall receive for their Carting of every one half Cord of Wood Seven pence half penny, And y^e^ Dray Men for a Pipe of Wine one Shilling, & for every hh^d^ of Rum, Sugar & Molasses Tenn pence, and so in Proporcon for Barrells or lesser Cask, And that y^e^ Porters shall receive for every Pipe of Wine Eight pence, And for every hh^d^ of Rum, Sugar and Molasses Six pence, And for every hundred Bushels of Salt Six Shillings & three pence, and so in proportion & no more, And that y^e^ Record^r^ Draw an Ordinance Accordingly.

Ordered that y^e^ Mayor give an Order on y^e^ Treasurer to pay the Beadle, William Pawlet, Eight pounds, being all thats Due to him to this Day, on Acco^t^ of his Accomodating the Watch at his house.

George Grants Peticon being read, It is Considered (in regard to his Wife & Children only) that he be remitted of his ffine, Nineteen pounds, he paying y^e^ Residue in Twenty Days.

Bently Cook is Approv'd on and Appoint'd the Comon Corder of Wood of this City, who is Order'd to Qualifie himself before y^e^ Recorder, he having already taken out his ffreedome.

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At a Comon Council at Philad[a] the 13[th] July 1719.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Thomas Masters
- William Carter
- Willliam Hudson
- Joseph Redman
- W[m] ffishbourn
- Thom[s]. Griffith

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Nehemiah Allen
- Thos Bradford
- Peter Stretch
- Thos Redman
- John Warder
- Dan[l] Radley
- John Jones
- Ewd Roberts
- John Cadwallader
- Evan Owen
- Thos Griffitts
- Charles Read
- Thos Tresse
- George Fitzwater
- Richard Moore
- Israel Pemberton
- John Carpenter
- Benjamin Vinning

The Several Ordinances following were now Read & past, viz:

1[st]. An Ordinance for y[e] Better Preserving of the Pavements of y[e] Streets of this City.

2[dly]. An Ordinance for y[e] Better Ascertaining the Price of Cartage, Drayidge & Porteridge within this City.

3[dly]. An Ordinance for the prevention of Carters buying Up & Ingrossing of ffire Wood.

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4thly. An Ordinance for Cording & Measuring of ffire Wood. And afterwards were Ordered to be Ingrost & Published on Wednesday next.

The psons ffollowing were this Day Admitted ffreemen:

John Philips . . .	15	6d pd	John Harries . .	15	6
Andrew Symons .	15	6 pd	John Harvy . . .	5	6 pd
James Henderson .	15	6	Richard Sanders .	5	6
Henry Dexter . .	15	6 pd	Samuel Hosford .	15	6d
Robert Parvis . .	15	6	John Reve . . .		
Robert Ellis . .	15	6	Wlm Davis . . .	15	6d pd
Philip Johns . .	5	6d	John Ponck . . .	15	6d pd
John Abbott . .	15	6	Thomas Burrell . .	15	6d pd
Richard Stayler .	15	6	Thomas Parry . .	15	6d pd
Owen Humfreys .	15	6 pd	John Savage . . .	5	6d pd
Isaac Williams . .	15	6d pd	Wm Bareford . .	15	6d
John George, Pope .	15	6d pd	Wm Hinton . . .	15	6d pd
John Jones, Barber .	15	6d pd	Peter Borudge . .	15	6d pd
Robert Wills . .	15	6d pd	Wm Bywater . .	5	6
John Smith . . .	5	6	John Ingram . .	15	6d pd
Robert Boice . .	15	6	Nicholas Saile . .		
Henry Hazel . . .	15	6			

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At a Comon Council at Philad[a] the 15[th] July 1719.

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Jos Redman
- William ffishbourn
- Tho Griffith

Comon Council.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Tho Griffitts
- Edwd Roberts
- Evan Owen
- John Jones
- Jno Cadwallader
- Tho Tresse
- Geo Fitzwater
- Benj[a] Vining
- Richard Moore
- John Carpenter

The Council met this Day in order to Publish the Several Ordinances Past the Last Council, Wch were Accordingly publisht.

Edward Howell is appointed to Clear the Square at the ffront of the Court house, for which he is Allow'd fforty Shillings p Am, to be Paid Quarterly.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the Octob^{r} 1719

Present

Jonathan Dickinson, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- William hudson
- Joseph Redman
- William ffishbourn
- Thomas Griffith
- Nathan Stanbury

Comon Counsil.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Abraham Bickley
- Thomas Redman
- Peter Stretch
- Nehemiah Allen
- Thomas Griffitts
- Evan Owen
- Edward Roberts
- George Claypoole
- Tho^{s} Tresse
- Rich^{d} Moore
- Samuel Carpenter
- Joseph Buckley
- John Jones
- Owen Roberts
- George ffitzwater

The Board, pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & Alderman ffishbourn was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

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Att a Comon Councill held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 14th Decem^{r} 1719.

Present

William Fishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- William Carter
- Thomas Griffith
- Nathan Stanbury

Common Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Abraham Bickley
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Thomas Griffitts
- Thomas Redman
- George ffitzwater
- Edward Roberts
- Evan Owen
- George Claypoole
- Thomas Tresse
- Richard Moore
- John Carpenter
- Joseph Buckley
- Clement Plumstead
- Owen Roberts
- John Jones

Ordered that the Mayor (as Treasurer) take proper means for y^{e} Collecting y^{e} Chimney money, & Pursuant to a fformer Order of this Board, Pay Abraham Bickley for y^{e} ffire Engine, and that Abraham Bickley Deliver y^{e} Said Engine with all its Materials in good Order to y^{e} Mayor, who is to provide a Convenient place for keeping y^{e} Same from y^{e} Weather.

Evan Owen, Edward Robert & Thomas Tresse are Appointed to Examine all y^{e} Publick Acco^{ts} of this to y^{e} 6th Day of October Last who are to Report y^{e} Next Sitting of this Council.

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William Pawlet Exhibits an Acco^{t} of 2^{s} 6 for a Bell Rope, 2^{s} for a Key for a Padlock, 2^{s} 3 for a Smith & Carpenter Work about y^{e} Bell, & 4^{s} for a Double Bell rope, which is allow'd, & y^{e} Treasurer Ordered to pay him.

Order'd that y^{e} present Regulartors of y^{e} Streets together with Clement Plumstead, Thomas Griffitts & George Claypoole, View & Consider whether y^{e} Repairing or Pulling Down of y^{e} Arch will be most for a Publick Good, And also that they View the Breaches at y^{e} Penny Pott House & John ffurnes' Corner, and make Report Next Councill.

Alderman Carter is requested to Employ a Man to Clear and remove y^{e} Present Dirtt about y^{e} Court House as far as belongs to y^{e} Court house, And Give him Notice to Attend y^{e} Next Council in Order to be Agreed with by y^{e} Year.

The Mayor & Alderman Hill, in Conjunction with y^{e} Regulators, are Requested to Imploy Jacob Taylor to Run out y^{e} Severall Streets of this City, & that they Cause y^{e} Same to be Staked out to Prevent any Incroachm^{t} that may happen in Building for y^{e} Want thereof.

Inquiry being made where y^{e} Charter Ordinances and Seal of this City are now Lodged, it was answered by y^{e} Recorder that they were in his Custody. It is therefore Order'd, That they remain in his hands till further Orders, and that y^{e} Mayor, Aldermen & Comon Councill of this City may have full recourse to them upon Occasion, & that y^{e} Mayor shall have y^{e} Direction of ye Seal When to be Affixt to any Instrument.

ffor y^{e} Better p^{r}venting of Nusances in y^{e} Built part of this City by Dirtt & Rubbish being thrown & left in y^{e} Streets, The Mayor

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& Clement Plumstead Undertake for Chestnutt Ward, Alderman Hill & Thomas Griffiths for Walnut Ward, Ald^{n} Dickenson & George Claypoole for Dock Ward, Alderman Masters, Joseph Buckley & John Jones for Lower Dellaware, The Recorder & Thomas Tresse for High Street Ward, Alderman Carter & Nehemiah Allen for South Ward, Joseph Redman & James Parrock for Upper Dellaware, Alderman Stanbury & Edward Roberts for North Ward, Alderman Norris & Thomas Redman & John Cadwallider for Mulberry Ward, Alderman Griffith & Joshua Carpenter for Middle Ward.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 4th March 1720.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
Anthony Morris
William Carter
Jon^{a} Dickinson
Thomas Griffith
Joseph Redman
William Trent
James Logan
Joseph Wilcox
W^{m} Hudson.
Nehemiah Allen
Peter Stretch
James Parrock
Geo ffitzwater
Geo Claypoole
Thomas Griffitts
Thomas Redman
Anthony Morris, Jun^{r}
John Warder
Clement Plumstead
Dan^{ll} Radley
John Jones
Edwd Roberts
Evan Owen
John Cadwallader
Israel pemberton
Thomas Tresse.

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A peticon of John Rakestraw & Thomas Rakestraw, Comon Carters of this City, was Read, Setting forth that they had Unadvisedly Acted ag^{t} an ordinance of this City, Intitulled an Ordinance for the better preserving of the pavements of the Streets of this City, Whereby they have Incurr'd divers penalties or ffines, Craved that this Board Woud Consider their Unhappy Circumstances & Remit the sd ffines. The Board having Duly weighed & Considered the s'd peticon, & in Regard that the prosecucion will be very Chargeable, Do Remit the sd ffines.

The Board having taken into Consideracon the Late Ordinance for preserving the pavements of the Streets of this City, Do find it Impracticable to hawl half a Cord of wood with two Horses in y^{e} Winter time, & therefore think it proper to allow the Carters to Hawl wood with three Horses, provided they do not carry more than half a Cord, And in Drawing any other thing they shall Comply with sd Ordinance, as also farther time is Given them to Go with the Wheels they now Use, Viz: till the twenty-ffifth Day of March, In the year One Thousand Seven hundred & twenty one, in order to provid^{e} Such Wheels as are Directed by the sd ordinance.

A peticon of Richard Butterfeild & Catherin Cousins was Read, & was Referrd to the Next Meeting of the Council.

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Att a Comon Council at Philadelphia y^{e} 11th May 1720.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen. (Esq^{rs};)
- Thomas Masters
- William Carter
- William hudson
- Jos Redman
- Thomas Griffith

Comon Council.
- Henry Badcock
- Thomas Bradford
- Nehemiah Allen
- John Jones
- James Parrock
- John Warder
- Evan Owen
- John Cadwallader
- Edward Roberts
- Thomas Tresse
- Thomas Redman
- Anthony Morris, Jun^{r}
- Peter Stretch
- Owen Roberts

Two Draughts of the Intended Bridge to be Built over the Dock in the Second Street being laid before y^{e} Board by Alderman Redman, And Whether a Bridge of the Width of y^{e} Second Street, or one of Twenty-five foot in the clear woud be most Convenient being Debated, A Majority of y^{e} Board Inclined to y^{e} latter; whereupon the Mayor, Alderman Hill, Dickinson, Masters, Carter & Redman, or Some four of them are requested to agree with y^{e} Workmen for the doing thereof, And report y^{e} Same the next Council.

The Income Arising from the Publick Wharfs of this City falling Short of Expectacon, It is the Opinion of this Board that if the Same were let out at a Yearly rent it woud be of more advantage

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to y^e^ Corporacon, Whereupon the Mayor offering Six pounds p'ann for Walnut & Chestnut Street Wharf, And Alderman Masters & Redman, Six pounds p'ann for high Street Wharf, the Same is Accepted of & agreed too by y^e^ Board, And that they hold the Same for Seven Years, the rents to be paid at half yearly paym^ts^, and to Comence from y^e^ Twenty-fourth of the next Month, The Same to be Kept by y^m^ in good & Sufficient repair, & to be so Deliver'd up at y^e^ Expiracon of the Term —— they being Nevertheless subject to the City Ordinance.

The peticon of James Morris for remitting his fine for keeping a publick house without lycence was read & rejected.

The Peticon of Rich'd Butterfield for y^e^ same offence was read, & his fine (being very poore,) was remitted.

The Peticon of Joseph Antrobus was read, And is under Consideracon.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 14th June 1720.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Jonathan Dickinson
- William Carter
- Thomas Griffith
- W^{m} Hudson
- Joseph Redman

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Henry Badcock
- Edwd Roberts
- Evan Owen
- Tho Griffitts
- Daniel Radley
- Anthony Morris, Jun^{r}
- Charles Read
- John Jones
- Clem^{t} Plumstead
- Jos Buckley

The Persons appointed the Last Council to agree with the Workmen about the Bridge to be Built over the Dock in y^{e} Second Street, now Report That they have Agreed with Edward Collins, Mason, for the Sum of One hundred & Twenty-ffive pounds to be paid at ffour payments, the Same to be ffinisht by the ffifteenth Day of November next, wch agreem^{t} is approved of by the Board.

A Peticon of Severall of the Inhabitants near the Bridge over the Dock, with the Governours Recomendacon thereof, being now Read & Consider'd, It is resolv'd that if the Petitioners will add to the sd Bridge to make it the Breadth of the Second Street, as they desire, And finish the Same —— Workman like with all possible Expedicon, This Board will allow Thirty-five pounds more towards the Charge thereof.

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The Mayor, Alderman Dickinson, Alderman Redman & Thomas Redman, are requested & appointed to oversee the Building of the Bridge & give their Direction as occasion may require.

At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 28th June 1720.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
Richard Hill
William Carter
Thomas Griffith
Joseph Redman
} Aldermen.

Joshua Carpenter
Nehemiah Allen
John Warder
Tho. Griffitts
John Jones
John Cadwallader
Edwd Roberts
Evan Owen
Owen Roberts
Clem^{t}. Plumstead
Geo Claypoole.

Ordered that the p'sons last Appointed to Settle the acco^{ts}. of this City Do Account with Owen Roberts, Alderman Carter & Dan^{ll} Radley & W^{m} pawlett, & make Report the Next Councill.

The Method of Building New Stalls, being now Debated, it is Referr'd to the Consideracon of a ffull Council.

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 4th July 1720.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robt Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Anthony Morris
- Jon^{a} Dickinson
- Thomas Griffith
- William Carter
- Isaac Norris
- James Logan
- William Hudson
- Joseph Redman

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Peter Stretch
- Edwd Roberts
- Anth Morris, Jun^{r}
- Richd Moore
- Thomas Griffitts
- Clement plumsted
- Israel pemberton
- Thomas Redman
- Geo Fitzwater
- Thomas Tresse
- Charles Read
- Geo: Claypoole
- Joseph Buckley
- John Jones
- Evan Owen

Peter Stretch Exhibits an Account of his mending & Care of the Town Clock, & the Ballance being ffive pounds three Shillings, The Treasurer is ordered to pay the Same.

The Manner of Building the Market Stalls in this City, at the west End of the Court house being now Under Consideracon, The Method as ffollows is Agreed upon, Viz^{t}. The building to be the Width of the Court House, in height ten ffoot to the Joice, the Length of two Stalls Joining to be Eighteen ffoot, to have an alley of ffour ffoot betwixt them & the next two Stalls. The Shelter at the Back of the Stalls three ffoot & ahalf on the Outside, the

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Breadth of the Stall three ffoot & ahalf within, The Clear Walk ffourteen ffoot, And the Stall to be Eight ffoot Distance from the Court House, but the Roof to Join to the Court house, That the whole be paved with Brick at the Height of the Court house ffloor, in the Middle, & to be posted without on both Sides.

Alderman Morris, Alderman Dickinson, Alderman Norris & Alderman Logan Do Undertake to Lend the Sum of One hundred pounds Each for Building fforty Eight New Market Stalls after the Method before proposed, & now Approv'd, Which Sums the Corporation Engages to pay them, their Ex^{rs}. Adm^{rs}. & Assignes, with Interest, And the Proffitts Arising from the Same Stalls Shall not be appropriated to any other Use untill the Debt & Interest aforesd be Discharged, And that Interest for one half of the Money to be Advanced by the Undertakers, to begin this Day, And the Interest of the Other Half to begin at the Compleating the Work.

Ordered that the Mayor, for the time being, Give his Obligacon in behalf of this Corporacon to the sd Undertakers for the true p formance thereof, And the Mayor is Desir'd to Inspect the Doing the Work, that it may be done According to the Scheme proposed.

The Undertakers are Desired to begin the building of the Stalls with all Expedition, that the same may be Compleated before the Winter.

The persons appointed the Last Council to Settle the Accounts of the Corporacon, Now Report as ffollows, Vizt, That they had Settled with Owen Roberts as Sherif, the Ballance due from him to the Corporacon to the ffirst of Octob^{r}. 1719, Not Including Katharin Hayes ffine, being Poor & not to be had, & George Grants ffine ct Paid or Secured to Richard Hill, Esq^{re} is Twenty Seven pounds Six Shillings & one penny half penny.

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With Alderman Carter as Collector of the Stall Rents, the Ballance Due from him to the 30th Septembr 1719, is Eighteen pounds nine Shillings & three pence half penny.

With Robert Assheton as Recordr ct, Ballance Due to him to the ffirst of October 1719, is Thirty Six pounds ffive Shillings & Eight pence.

With Daniel Radley as Wharfinger for the City, & there is Due ffrom him to the City, with twenty two pounds paid him for the Repair of the Bridge over the Dock in the Second Street, Twenty ffour pounds Eleven Shillings.

With William pawlet, & there is Due to him, as p accot., Twenty two pounds One Shilling.

And they did further report, that Alderman Hill had Secured George Grants ffine & Bench ffees amt. to

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At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 29th Aug^{t} 1720.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorder
Jonathan Dickinson
James Logan
William Hudson
Thomas Griffith
} Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Jos^{a} Carpenter
Henry Badcock
John Jones
John Cadwallader
Peter Stretch
James Parrock
Tho Griffitts
Even Owen
Tho Redman
Edwd Roberts
John Warder
Anthony Morris, Jun^{r}
George ffitzwater
George Claypoole
Clem^{t} Plumsted
} Comon Council.

The Persons who Undertook y^{e} Building of y^{e} Market Stalls Exhibited to the Board a New Draught of y^{e} sd Stalls, in wch there were Some Small Alteracon, viz^{t}, in Making an Arch within y^{e} Roof, wch was agreed to by this Board, and y^{e} sd Undertakers are Desired to agree with Some ffit pson Skill'd in Building, &c^{a}. to oversee y^{e} sd Work.

The Mayor is requested to Get y^{e} Breach at Sasafrax Street by John ffurrir's, as also y^{e} End of y^{e} Second Street & Vine Street, mended with all Expedicon, the Charge thereof to be allow'd him out of y^{e} publick money.

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A Peticon of Several of y^e^ Inhabitants of this City in Relacon to the Pulling down y^e^ Arch, was Read & Referr'd to y^e^ Next Council.

The Regulators of y^e^ Streets of this City are Desired to y^e^ View y^e^ Workmanship of y^e^ New Bridge over y^e^ Dock in y^e^ Second Street & report how they find the Same, as also how far this City is Obliged to fill up y^e^ Streets & Bridge with Earth, And the Mayor is requested to Continue his Care in preparing of Earth to Compleat y^e^ sd Street by y^e^ sd Bridge, and the Charge thereof Shall be allow'd him out of y^e^ Publick Money of this City.

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At a Comon Council at Philadelphia, y^{e} 4th Octob^{r} A^{o} 1720.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Anthony Morris
- Richard Hill
- William Carter
- Jonathon Dickinson
- Joseph Redman
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffith
- James Logan

Comon Council.
- Henry Badcock
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Geo ffitzwater
- John Jones
- John Cadwallader
- Thomas Griffitts
- George Claypoole
- Richard Moore
- Thomas Redman
- Daniel Radley
- Israel Pemberton
- Joseph Buckley
- John Carpenter
- Evan Owen
- Thomas Tresse
- Anthony Morris, Jun^{r}
- Edward Roberts
- Charles Read
- Clement Plumsted

The Comon Council, Pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & William ffishbourn was chosen by a Majority of Votes.

Clement Plumsted & Israel Pemberton are Elected Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 8th day of N●^{r} 1720.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Thomas Masters
- Jon^{a} Dickinson
- W^{m} Carter
- Joseph Redman
- Thomas Griffith
- James Logan

Com. Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Peter Stretch
- Geo Claypoole
- John Cadwallader
- Edw^{d} Roberts
- Evan Owen
- John Warder
- Israel pemberton
- Thomas Redman
- Joseph Buckley
- John Jones
- Thomas Griffitts
- Thomas Tresse

The Governour having requested the Mayor to propose to this Board the Grant of the peice of Ground on the South west Side of the Dock, over ag^{t} the house he now Lives in, for such Term as the Corporacon Shall think fit, & proposes to Drean & Ditch the Same. This Board having taken the Same into Consideracon, Do agree the Govern^{r} may Enjoy the sd peice of Ground for the Space of Seven years, if so Long he abides in the sd House, he Dreaning & Ditching the Same as he proposes.

There being some dispute how far the Northern & Southern Bounds of this City Terminates, Alderman Hill, Alderman Norris, Alderman Logan, Alderman Dickinson, Alderman Masters, Alderman Carter & Joshua Carpenter are Desired to Consult the Charter, Draughts, Surveys & other Memorandums relating thereto, & make report the next Council how far the Same Extends.

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Ordered that the Beadle of this City Give notice to Such persons as have any Interest near the Arch of this City to Appear before this Board on Monday Next, to Make their Objections, if they have any, ag^{t} pulling down the Arch.

George Claypoole is Requested by this Board to Procure Materials for Carrying on the building of the New Market Stalls, & Agree with Workmen, together with the undertakers, that the Same may be Compleated with all Expedition.

John Newberry being Indicted the Last City Sessions, & ffin'd Ten Shillings for Comitting an assault & battery upon the body of Jane, the wife of John Ryal, Peticons this Board to Remit the sd ffine, The Board having taken the sd peticon, & the persons Circumstances into Consideracon, do Remit the sd ffine of ten Shillings.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 28[th] Nov[r] 1720.

Present

W[m] ffishbourn, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Record[r]

Aldermen.
- W[m] Carter
- W[m] Hudson
- Jos Redman
- Thos Griffith
- James Logan

Comon Council.
- Jos Carpenter
- Peter Stretch
- Geo. Claypoole
- John Warder
- Anthony Morris, Jun[r]
- James Parrock
- Israel Pemberton
- Clem[t]. Plumstead
- Tho[s]. Griffitts
- Tho[s]. Redman
- Evan Owen
- Charles Read
- Geo. ffitzwater
- Edw[d] Roberts
- Rich[d] Moore
- Jos Buckley
- John Cadwallader

The Pulling Down or Standing of the Arch being now fully Debated, & the persons Objections who Suppose themselves Sufferers by pulling Down the Same, being now heard, It is Left to the Determicacon of the Next Council.

The Mayor, Recorder, Alderman Logan, Alderman Carter are Desir'd to treat with James Henderson, who Now Petitions to be a Publick Chimney Sweeper of this City in Relacon to his Terms and his Capacity of p forming itt & Report the Next Setting of this Council.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 19th December 1720.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Anthony Morris
- W^{m} Carter
- Thomas Masters
- William Hudson
- Jos Redman
- Thomas Griffith
- Rich^{d} Hill
- James Logan
- Jonathan Dickinson

Comon Council.
- Jos^{e} Carpenter
- Thomas Bradford
- Nehemiah Allen
- Anthony Morris, jun^{r}
- John Warder
- Thomas Griffitts
- George ffitzwater
- John Jones
- John Cadwalader
- Daniel Radley
- George Claypoole
- Jos: Buckley
- Tho Redman

The pulling down or Standing of y^{e} Arch being now fully debated, & those who suppose themselves agriev'd being again heard, & the Charges of repairing & Continual keeping it so being fully considered, It is the Opinion of this Board that y^{e} pulling down thereof will not only be of Great Conveniency to y^{e} publick, but to divers of y^{e} petitioners ag^{t} y^{e} same, Nevertheless for asmuch as some psons will receive Some Small damage by its pulling down, that Damage will be further Considered by this Board.

This day Robert Atkins was Admitt'd ffreeman of y^{e} s'd City at ^{s}. pd.

Also, John Hallit, Butcher, at ^{s}. p^{d}. Also John Bringhurst, at 5^{s}. 6^{d}., pd.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 2[d] Jan[y]. 1720.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]
Anthony Morris
William Carter
Thomas Masters
Richard Hill
William Hudson
Joseph Redman
James Logan.

Comon Council.
Joshua Carpenter
Henry Badcoke
Nehemiah Allen
Peter Stretch
George Claypool
Thomas Griffitts
Edward Roberts
Evan Owen
John Cadwalader
Joseph Buckley
Israel pemberton
Thomas Redman
James Parrock
Sam[ll] Carpenter
Dan[ll] Radley
Benj[a]. Vening.

The Method of Building the Market Stalls being Often & Long Debated at this Board, Alderman Redman now Proposes and Agrees to Build Thirty Stalls with all Expedition, after the Modell now Exhibited & proposed with this Addition, Viz[t], to Carry the Brick pillars three foot higher, to Arch the Roof & plaister the Same, Which Stalls he is to ffinish & ffind all materials According to an Estimacon now Brought in by George Claypool & Thomas Redman, to Which Estimacon he has Underwritten & now Remains in the hands of the Mayor, ffor the Doing whereof he is to Receive the Sum of ffour hundred pounds, Which Sum of ffour hundred

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pounds is to be paid in three Several payments, Viz^{t}, the Sum of two hundred pounds Immediately, the Sum of One hundred pounds at Raising the Roof, the Sum of One hundred pounds more at the ffinishing thereof.

It is now ordered that the Clerk of the Market Shall receive the Rents of the s^{d} Stalls, Quarterly, & the money thereby arising, & also all Other moneys arising from the Market Shall be Appropriated to the Discharge of the Money Advanct for Building thereof with the Interest & no Other Untill the Whole be paid for, which moneys Shall be paid Quarterly to the Mayor by the Clerk of the Market toward the Discharge of his Obligacon.

Alderman Logan is Desired to give Instructions for the Draught of the Articles of Agreement to be made in Relation to building the above new Stalls, & get the Same Expedited, & the Treasurer is Ordered to pay for the Same.

James Henderson peticoning that this Board woud appoint him Chimney Sweeper of this City, & proposed to keep a Number of Sufficient hands to Carry on the Same, The board Approves of the Method mensoned in the s^{d} peticon, & refers him to agree with the Respective Inhabitants accordingly.

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At a Comon Councill held at Philad^{a} the 21st Ap^{ll} 1721.

Present

W^{m} Fishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor		Jos^{a} Carpenter
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorder		Peter Stretch
Anthony Morris	Aldermen.	Evan Owen
Richard Hill		Edward Roberts
Jon^{a} Dickinson		Benja Vining
Jos Redman		Clement Plumsted
Tho Griffiths		John Warder
		Anthony Morris, Jun^{r}
		Geo Claypoole
		Thos Tresse
		Own Roberts
		John Cadwallader
		John Jones.

Geo Claypoole, Thomas Redman, Sam^{l} Powell & James Steele, or any two of them, are appointed Regulators of party Walls & Partition ffences Within this City, Pursuant to a Law In this Province, In that Case Lately made & provided.

It being now Debated how the Persons who advanced the money for building the Markett Stalls shou'd be secured, It is Order'd that the Mayor for the Corporacon under the Seal of this City, Shall Give Distinct Obligations to Pay to Each of the s^{d} psons the Sum of 29^{lb} the 30th Day of September 1722, And the Sum of 31^{lb} to Each Pson on the 30th of September 1723, And the Sum of 31^{lb} to each Person the 30th of September 1724, And the Sum of 33^{lb} to Each Person the 30th of September 1725, And that Copies of all the Minutes Entred In the Council Booke Relating to The sd

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Stalls be Drawn and Signed by the Mayor under the City Seal, & be D'd'd To the Psons who advanced y^e^ money.

Evan Owen, Edward Roberts & Thos Tresse, are appointed to Examine & Settle all the Pub Acc^ts^ of this City and make Report the Next Councill.

Ordered that the Mayor, Alderman Redman, Geo Claypoole & Thomas Redman, Do treat With Some Persons to undertake the Pulling Down the Arch and Carrying away the Rubish and Dirt, & making Good the Street to the Arch Wharfe according to Regulacon, and make Report the Next Councill.

Ralph Assheton, Moving to the Board for a Lease for a Square Between Sasafrax and Vine Street and Sixth and Seventh Street, belonging to this City for 31 Years, at the Rate of 40^s^ P Annum, To be paid to the Corporacon, To Commence the 25 March Anno 1724, Which is agreed to by the Board, he Leaving the Same at the Expiracon of the sd time, Well & Sufficiently fenc'd with Good Railes and Cedar Postes.

A Petition of Abraham Bickley being now Read in Relacon to a Stall he has in the Markett, In Right as Ex^r^ to W^m^ Bolding, It is the Opinion of this Board that the Petition Doth not Lye before them.

Evan Williams & Robert Rains Petitioning that the Board woud Remit a fine of 5£ Sett upon them the Last Court for keeping a Publick House without Lycence, the Board taking the sd Petitions and the Persons Circumstances Into Consideracon, Do Remitt Rob^t^ Rains & Evans Williams £2 10^s^ of sd fine.

Alderman Dickinson, Anthony Morris & Geo Claypoole, are Desir'd to Gett the Bridge over the Dock & the Lower End of the ffront Street Mended, and bring their Acco^tts^ the Next Councill.

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Charles Poulson Petitioning that a fine of 5£ Sett upon him for Keeping Publick house without Lycence, be Remitted by this board. The Board having Consider'd the miserable Circumstance of the Person, Do Remitt y^e^ s^d^ fine.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay unto William Pawlet the Sum of Eight pounds, being his Last Years Salary for Cleaning & Sweeping the Court house, &^c^., Ended the twenty ffifth Day of March last.

Ordered that all persons who have disbursd Money on the Acco^t^ of this City, by Order, are Desired to bring in their Acco^ts^ to the Next Council.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 3^{d} of Octob^{r} 1721.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Anthony Morris
- Jonathan Dickinson
- Isaac Norris
- James Logan
- Joseph Redman
- Thomas Griffith
- W^{m} Carter
- William Hudson

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Henry Badcoke
- Nehemiah Allen
- James Parrock
- Peter Stretch
- Clement Plumsted
- Charles Read
- Israel pemberton
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Owen Roberts
- Edward Roberts
- Evan Owen
- John Cadwallader
- George ffitzwater
- Thomas Tresse
- George Claypoole
- Samuel Carpenter
- Daniel Radley
- Thomas Griffitts
- Benj^{a} Vinning

The Comon Council, Pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & William Fishbourn, the present Mayor, was chosen by a Majority of Votes.

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At a Comon Council held at Philadelphia the 7th Octobr 1721.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esqr, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esqr, Recordr

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Anthony Morris
- William Carter
- Thomas Griffith
- William Trent
- Samuel preston
- Joseph Redman
- William Hudson

Comon Council.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Henry Badcoke
- John Jones
- Owen Roberts
- James Parrock
- Thomas Griffitts
- Evan Owen
- George ffitzwater
- John Warder
- Israel pemberton
- Joseph Buckley
- Daniel Radley
- Anthony Morris, Junr
- Clement Plumsted
- Charles Read
- Benjamin Vining
- John Cadwalader

The Mayor laid before the Board a Copy of a Speech the Governour made at the time of the Qualification of ye Mayor, Which was Read, and is as follows:

Mr Mayor and Gentlemen

"I am Glad of any Opportunity to Assure you of "my Affection & Esteem, & more Especially in promoting the "Welfare of this flourishing City by Supporting all your Privi- "ledges with the utmost of my Authority.

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"But I think it very proper at this time to put you in mind that "an English Constitution, Which is the best Guard of Liberty, "consists of many Subordinate and Coacting Powers, which are "Supposed to be guided by Justice or Right Reason, & Consequently "to be always United in their Sentiments of the Publick Weal.

"Please then to Observe that Whensoever I shall happen to "See Cause for dispensing any part of his Majesties Royal Pre- "rogative by Mitigating in Some Cases the utmost severity and "penalties of Laws, Which are the Subordinate Magistrates strict "Rule, because he is Sworn or Attested to Act Conformably to "them, Yet such Interposition, by Virtue of the Royal Authority, "ought not, nor cannot be understood, as an Illegal Obstruction to "the Magistrates Judgment and Substituted power, Which must "give Way to the Sovereigns Perogative in Such Case as it is an "Essential Part of the Law and Constitution.

"And surely this may be very Easiely Comply'd with, Since "you cannot but know from Experience how Easily and ffreely "All or any of you may Apply yourselves Unto me with Reason- "able Expectations of Success in any Case.

"Nevertheless I must Intreat you will be so wise as to Caution "your Selves against Such Turbulent & ill minded Spirits, Who, "Under the thin Visage of Popularity, & a Conceited Independency, "Dare presume to Oppose his Majesties Royal Authority, by Af- "fronting or Despising the Lawfull Orders & Commands given "by any Governour in his Majesties Name. For I cannot Ap- "prehend that we are in Danger of any Other Accident to Disturb "our present Repose & tranquility, and Whosoever Expects that "any means can be used with me to Betray or give up the Duty "of my Present Station in this Colony, will Probably ffind himself "very much Mistaken.

8^{br} 3^{d} 1721.

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The Board taking now the s[d] Speech into Consideration, were Unanimously of Opinion that an Answer should be Prepared by three a Clock this Afternoon, to be Laid before the Board, And the Mayor, Alderman Hill, Alderman Morris, Alderman Trent & Clement Plumsted are appointed to Prepare the Same. And that as the Speech is General, the Answer to be made to it shoud particularly desire an Explanation of what the Governour Seems to hint at in the sd Speech. And then the Council Adjournd till three a clock in the Afternoon.

Post Merideim.

Present

William Fishbourn, Esq[r], Mayor
Rob[t] Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- William Carter
- William Trent
- Joseph Redman
- Thomas Griffith

Comon Council.
- Henry Badcoke
- Owen Roberts
- John Jones
- Evan Owen
- Peter Stretch
- James Parrock
- Israel Pemberton
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Charles Read
- John Cadwalader
- George ffitzwater
- Joseph Buckley
- Thomas Redman
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley

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The Mayor, Alderman Hill, Alderman Trent & Clement Plumsted, who were this morning appointed by this Board to Draw an answer to the Governour's Speech, Now Report That they had made Some Essay therein, but the Mayor at the time Acquainting them of a Letter he had rec^{d} from the Governour Yesterday, Wherein he Reprehended the Magistrates of this City for their Issuing out a Warrant against persons Who had Lately fought a Duel, that the Mayor further Acquainted them that upon his Applicacon to the Governour to know if he might lay sd Letter before this Board, the Governour Ordered him so to Do, & Said it was an Explanatory of his Speech the third Instant, for which Cause they thought it not proper to Proceed till they had further Directions from this Board, Which Letter was Ordered to be Read, & is as follows.

M^{r} Mayor

"I have Received your Letter, & a freindly Com-
"municacon of your private Sentiments will Ever be Welcome to
"me, ffor I am very sensible That M^{r} Fishbourn has never Omitted
"any Oppertunity that he has had, of Expressing a very Sincere
"Personal Freindship to me, & I shall always think myself oblig-
"ed in Gratitude to Acknowledge it.

"But M^{r} Mayor You will please to Consider in the ffirst place,
"that I am more Immediately than any Other Magistrate Account-
"able to the King for the Due Preservation of his Majesties Peace
"in this Colony, So that after I had Acquainted yourself, the Re-
"corder & two Other City Magistrates, being altogether at my
"house, That I had taken the Examination & Cognizance of that
"Affair Which you pretend to Call a Duel into my Own Hands
"Some time before, I coud not but think it a Strange Procedure in
"your Self & Other Magistrates, but Especially the Recorder, who

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"ought to have known better, to Issue out your Warrants in Order "to take that affair out of my hands, or Rather to Judge Whether "I had any Authority to Act as an Officer & Magistrate of his "Majesties Peace or not, Without so much as giving me the Least "Notice of your Intention or Design.

"This S^r was the Sole & only Occasion of my Speech to the "Corporation, which I believe every Indifferent person will think "was a very gentle Reprimand, or Rather Caution to Prevent any "Such Affronts for the ffuture, & that there may be an End put "to this Controversie by Your prudence & Discretion, I take this "Opportunity to Desire that your Magistrates will fforbear Issuing "any more process in that affair which you Call the Duel, "Because, upon just & Sufficient Reasons appearing unto Me "for that purpose, I Do not think it Convenient that the Kings "Name be made use of in the Prosecution you Seem to Intend. "I hope this will Give you full Satisfaction in Answer to yours, "and I Remain S^r

Your Obliged ffreind
& humble Serv^t,
W. Keith.

Octob^r 5^th 1721.

And now the Same being duly weigh'd & Consider'd, It is the Opinion of this Board, That the Magistrates who Issued the s^d Warrant, Were in the just & Legal Discharge of their Duty, According to the Powers granted them by Charter; And the Mayor, Alderman Hill, Alderman Trent & Clement Plumsted are Desir'd to ffinish the Answer & Lay the Same before this Board at their Next Meeting, and then the Council Adjourn'd to Munday the 9^th Inst.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 9th Octob^{r} 1721.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Anthony Morris
- Thomas Masters
- W^{m} Carter
- Jonathan Dickinson
- Isaac Norris
- James Logan
- Thomas Griffith
- William Hudson

- Joshua Carpenter
- Owen Roberts
- Peter Stretch
- Evan Owen
- Edward Roberts
- Thomas Griffitts
- Clement Plumsted
- Israel Pemberton
- Thomas Tresse
- John Warder
- Thomas Redman
- Benj^{a} Vining
- Nehemiah Allen
- John Jones
- John Cadwallader
- Joseph Buckley.

The Mayor, Alderman Hill & Clement Plumsted, who were appointed by the Board to Draw an answer to the Govern^{rs} Speech of the 3^{d} Ins^{t}, Now Report that they had finisht the Same, which they now produced, & was Read, as follows.

To the Honb^{le} S^{r} William Keith, Baronet,
Gover^{nr} of the Province of Pensilvania.

The Address of the Mayor, Aldermen & Comonalty of the City of Philadelphia in Answer to his Speech to them of the 3^{d} Ins^{t}, May it Please the Gover^{nr}.

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As the Govern^{r} was Pleased at the Presentment of the Mayor of this City, on the third Ins^{t}, for his Qualification, to Deliver a Speech to the Corporation, in a Singular & unusual Manner, We should think our Selves Deficient in our Duty, both to the Governour & our Selves, if We Should Neglect to take Such Notice of it as the Matter Requires.

This Corporation find themselves Obliged, in Gratitude, to Return the Govern^{r} their most hearty & unfeigned thanks for the Affection & Esteem that he has Shown us, & hope We shall never be Wanting in the Demonstrations of our Just Sence of every Favour Extended to us upon all Occasions.

And We are ffirmly Perswaded that the Members of this Corporacon are Equally Inclin'd with the Best of his Majesties Subjects to show a most tender Regard for the Royal Prerogative, believing that as it has ever been Accounted by the best Judges to be the truest Interest of the Crown to maintain & Defend the People in the Enjoyments of their just Rights & Priviledges, So it is no Less the Interest & Duty of the People on their Part to Maintain & Support the Prerogative. And as both the Prerogative of the Crown & Priviledges of the People are, by the Excellent & most justly admired Constitucon of England, secured by Laws & known Rules, Yet they are never truly So, but when they are Exercised according to those Rules which neither admit of any thing Arbitrary on the One hand nor Insolent on the Other.

But at the same time the Govern^{r} was pleased So ffavourably to Express his Regards for this City, We must Acknowledge our Surprize at the Caution given us Against "Such Turbulent & ill "minded Spirits, Who under the thin Visage of Popularity & a "Conceited Independancy, Dare presume to Oppose his Majesties

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"Royal Authority by Affronting or Despising the Lawful Orders "& Comands Given by any Govern^r," A Language we coud by no means understand until the Govern^r was Pleased, in his Letter of the ffifth Instant, to the Mayor, to Explain himself & Say, "That the Sole & only Occasion of that Speech was, That after "the Govern^r had acquainted the Mayor, the Record^r, & two "other City Magistrates, being altogether at the Govern^rs House, "that he had taken the Examinacon & Cognizance of that affair, "Which they pretended to call a Duel, into his own hands, Some "time before, He coud not but think it a Strange Procedure in the "Mayor & other Magistrates, but Especially the Recorder, who "ought to have known better, to Issue out their Warrants in "Order to take that affair Out of the Govern^rs Hands, or Rather to "Judge whether he had any authority to act as an Officer & Ma-"gistrate of his Majesties Peace or not, without so much as giving "the Govern^r the least notice of their Intention. And the Govern^r "adds, that he believes every Indifferent Person will think that "Speech was a very Gentle Reprimand, or Rather Caution to pre-"vent any such Affronts for the Future.

By this Explanation, We find to our great trouble, that the Persons so Severely Characterized by the Govern^r in his Speech, were the Mayor, Record^r & two Ancient Aldermen of the City who had join'd in Signing a Warrant for Apprehending the Duellists in Pursuance of a Penal Act of this Province Provided against that Practice. But whether so Sharp a Censure was Due to these Magistrates, may best appear from a State of the Case, which we humbly beg leave to Represent, And ffirst the matter of ffact, which we find to be as follows.

A very young man, Master of a Vessell from one of the Islands, whose conduct on Some Other Occasions had not been Regular,

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being Guilty in Company at a Tavern of a very Rude Boyish Action, in Drawing a Seat from under a Youth, then about to sit Down, was Reproved for the Indecency of the Action by another, Which the ffirst so heinously resented, that he Demanded Satisfaction of his Admonisher; hereupon the next Day these two Met & fought a Duel, [for we must beg leave to call it so] & both being wounded, they were Parted; The first Aggressor, not Content with this, Insisted on further Satisfaction. The Governour hearing of his Extravagancy was Pleased to Interpose, & for prevention of further Mischief between the Parties to make up the Difference. This is the Utmost Length, as far as the Magistrates mentioned by the Govern^{r}, at his house, can by any means Remember, as they Declare the Govern^{r} was Pleased to say he had proceeded in that affair. Here a Penal Law of the Province was transgressed, a Crime was Comitted that most Civilized Nations, by the Severest Penalties Guard against, And a Crime that, in America, ought most carefully to be Discourag'd, where too many of the youth with as much heat of Blood, Regulated by as little Education, Affect the title of Gentlemen upon as Slender ffoundations, & in as wrong a manner as perhaps in any other part of the World. Yet tho the Govern^{r} had given himself the trouble of preventing any further Madness of that kind between the Offenders, And tho he is not less a Guardian of the Laws than any Inferiour Magistrate, Yet we never heard that by any means Whatsoever he had Requir'd them to Account for the Breach of the Law, Nor was it Reasonable to Expect that the Govern^{r} should take that Part upon himself, because Such Prosecutions Lying only in the Courts of Records, they are carried on by Legal & Judicial process; and the Penalties can be no otherwise Inflicted or Recovered.

This Offence Coming to the Mayors knowledge, he, with the Recorder, as has been Said, & two Aldermen, in Discharge of their

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Duty, to which they stood Solemnly Obliged, Issued a Warrant for Apprehending the Delinquents, upon Notice whereof they withdrew out of this Province, And hereupon the Govern^{rs} Resentments as we now find, have Ensued.

But how they can be Charged in this, with Presuming to oppose his Majesties Royal Authority, by affronting or Despising the Lawful Orders & Comands given by the Govern^{r} in his Majesties name, when not the least Order or Direction of any kind that we can hear of, was given by the Govern^{r} in this Affair, Suppasses our Understanding.

If the Govern^{r} intends, or it shoud be Conceived by any as the Matter now Stands that a Magistrate Knowing the Governour has been Acquainted with the Comission of a Crime, is hereby Debarred from all further prosecucon, without his Orders, it will Naturally follow from the Same foundation, that the Execucon of all Penal Laws may at the Govern^{rs} Pleasure be Suspended, & the Prosecucon of all Criminals depend upon his Will, which We Conceive to be a direct Contradiction to the Very Being & Nature of a Legal Constitucon; thus even Murders in which Duells too often Terminate might be Comitted with Impunity, & his Majesties Leige Subjects be Exposed to the Greatest Insecurity, which we are perswaded, notwithstanding, is very Remote from the Govern^{rs} Inclinacons & Desires.

That the Sovereign by his Royal Prerogative, & those under him whom he has duly Impower'd, can mitigate the utmost Severity & penalties of Laws, which are the Subordinate Magistrates Strict Rule, is not Only an Acknowledged truth, but the great Happiness of the Subject, who by this Means Partakes of that Mercy from which he woud otherwise be Excluded, But as this Prerogative is a

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Part of the Constitucon itself, so the Rules ffor Exercising it are no Less firmly Established than the other parts of the Law. That the King can do wrong is one great Branch of the prerogative, & therefore that others may be made accountable for all malfeasances in the administracon, The Law Declares that the King cannot Comand but by Matter of Record. The King may Pardon a Criminal or forbear it at his Pleasure, But if he grants the favour, it must be under the Broad Seal. So also Process can be Stopt only in a Legal Way, nor can the King by Law Pardon a Penalty which woud accrew to others than himself, So that the Prerogative, however great, has its Rules & Limitacons as well as other parts of the Constitucon.

Therefore as the Gover^{nr} has been pleased to Observe in his Speech to us that an English Constitucon is the best guard of Liberty, & has Elsewhere Recomended that ffair & Lovely Pattern a Wise Imitacon whereof [he was Pleased to say] cannot fail in the best manner to Secure to the People, the favour of their Sovereign, & his Majesties ready concurrence to Support & protect them in all those truly Valuable Priviledges & Immunities which English men & good Subjects do claim & fully Enjoy under this Reign, We humbly & Earnestly beseech the Govern^{r} that in Dispensing the Royal Prerogative, which is a Noble part of that Constitucon, And in Issuing his Orders & Comands, he would be pleased to make that his Only Rule, And then We shall ever think our Selves intirely secure from all Danger of the least Breach or Misunderstanding, for as the Exercise of the Magistracy is but a Burthen to those concerned in it, & is undertaken only for the Preservacon of the Tranquillity & Safety of his Majesties Subjects, We Assure the Govern^{r} that we shall on our parts have nothing more at heart than the Regular & Legal Discharge of our Duty toward his Majesty,

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Governour & people, with a Good Conscience in the Sight of God & man, & without any affectacon of Popularity or Conceited Independency: ffor we crave Leave to hope that the Execucon of the Laws pursuant to an English Constitucon, & by Virtue of the Proprietors Charter to this City, founded on the Royal Charter to himself, & as Rightfully, Regularly & Advisedly Granted to us as he ever Issued any other Comission, will never be judged to Merit any such Imputation, And if we can find our Endeavours Answer'd, in Suppressing Vice, Promoting Virtue & maintaining good order among the Inhabitants, subject to the Powers of that Charter, in which We hope the Govern^r, from his hearty Inclination to advance the Welfare of the Publick, ever be pleased to Countenance & Strengthen us, We shall from thence Reap the Greatest Satisfaction that We can Expect from our Conduct therein.

We have in this address [May it Please the Govern^r] been the more Prolix, that We might more Effectually make use of the Opportunity the Governour has thought fit to give us to State these Affairs Relating to this Corporacon more clearly, for preventing all further misunderstanding on any such Like Occasions, ffor as it is our hearty Inclinacon to Acquit our Selves in our Several stations with all Due Deferrence to the Governour as our Superiour, So We cannot Close better than with the Governour Excellent Expression to the Late Assembly, in August Last, Where he was pleased to Say "It is a Certain truth that the honour & Reputation of this "Colony will ever depend upon that Opinion Which Mankind Na- "turally fform to themselves from a Mild but Prudent Administra- "tion in Government, And When the whole is animated with "unanimity & a true Publick Spirit, No Doubt but the best use "will be Made of every Opportunity to Serve & promote y^e Pub- "lick Weal."—

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Which Address being Read & duly Weigh'd & considered, It is the Unanimous Opinion of the Board, that the sd Address be Sign'd by the Mayor in behalf of the Corporacon, and that the Mayor, Alderman Hill, Alderman Masters, Alderman Dickinson, Joshua Carpenter & Benjamin Vining Do wait upon the Govern^{r} with the Same.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 8th Jan^{ry} 1721.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
Richard Hill
William Carter
William hudson
Thomas Logan
Thomas Griffith

Joshua Carpenter
Ew^{d} Roberts
Peter Stretch
Nehemiah Allen
James Parrock
Clement Plumsted
Israel Pemberton
John Jones
John Warder
George ffitzwater
Evan Owen
Thos Griffitts
George Claypoole
John Cadwallader
Anthony Morris, jun^{r}
Benjamin Vining
Joseph Buckley
John Carpenter
Dan^{l} Radley
Thos Tresse
Charles Read.

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The Mayor acquainted the Board, that by Direction of a Late Law of this province, this Board are to Appoint a place for Breeming of Ships & Vessells. The Board having taken the same into their Consideracon What places will be Convenient for that purpose, Do appoint the Shoar within this City to the Southward of the Dock, & to the Northward of Sasafrax Street.

It. being Mentioned to this Board that there is a Necessity of a fferry to be Erected from the End of the High Street over the River Schulkill, & that the same woud not only be of Great Conveniency to the Inhabitants of this City but Likewise to the County, the Board having taken the Same into Consideracon, Do Order the Mayor, Recorder, Alderman hill, Charles Read & Edward Roberts with the Assistance of a Surveyor, to Inquire into the Nature of the Ground Leading to the End of sd High Street, & Inspect the powers granted by Charter to this City, & if Occasion, Address the Assembly for a Law to Confirm the Same. And this Board being Inform'd that the Assembly are about to Make a Law for Erecting a Weigh house in this City, the sd persons are desir'd to Address the assembly in Order that the Weigh Master might be under the Direction of the Mayor & Comonalty of this City.

The Comittee Appointed to Examin the Publick accounts of this City, Report that they have not as yet Settled them, but will Endeavour to ffinish by the Next Council.

Alderman Carter, Alderman hudson, George Claypool & Thomas Griffitts being formerly appointed to Inquire into the Justice of Samuel Powells Demand on the City of Philad^{a} for John parsons & his Disbursements in Building a Stone & Brick Bridge over Walnut Street Dock, Now Report that they have Examined the sd Samuel powells Acco^{ts}, & ffind there is Due to him the Sum of

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Twenty ffive pounds three Shillings & Eleven pence, Old Currency, And the treasurer is Ordered to pay the Same.

Francis Wood peticoning that a fine of ffive pounds set upon him last October Sessions, for keeping a Dram Shop in this City without Lycence, Might be Remitted by this Board, The Board having taken the Circumstances of the pson into Consideracon Do remitt ffifty Shillings of the sd ffine.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 16th April A^{o} 1722.

Present

William ffishbourn, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- William Carter
- Joseph Redman
- Thomas Griffith

Comon Council.
- Joshua Carpenter
- Peter Stretch
- Clement plumsted
- Owen Roberts
- Thomas Griffitts
- Edward Roberts
- John Warder
- John Jones
- Thomas Tresse
- Daniel Radley
- Evan Owen
- Benjamin Vining
- George Claypool

The persons Appointed the last Council to Inquire into the Nature of the Ground Leading to the End of High Street to the River Schulkill, Where a ferry is Intended to be Erected, Now Report that the same has been Viewed, & Now produce a Draught of the

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sd Ground & the Course of the River Schulkill, the sd Draught being now Examined, It is the Opinion of this Board that a ferry be Erected at the End of High Street, over the River Schulkill.

Aquilla Rose Peticoning this Board that they woud appoint him Manager or Tender of the New fferry to be Erected at the End of High Street over the River Schulkill, the Board having taken the sd peticon into Consideracon, Do Desire the persons appointed by the Last Council to View the Ground, together with Benjamin Vining, to treat with the sd Aquila on what terms he will be willing to keep the sd Ferry, As also to make an Estimate of the particular Charge & Cost which will Accrew in making the same Compleat, & make report the next Council.

The persons appointed to Settle the Accounts of this City, now make Report as followeth, Viz^{t}.

That there is due from Owen Roberts as Sherif, Including the Ball^{a} of the Last Acco^{t}, to y^{e} 4th of the 5th M^{o} 1721, Inclusive £63: 14: 11½

ffrom William Carter, as Clerk of the Market, to y^{e} 30th Sept^{r} 1720 (the Year 1721 yet remaining to be Accounted for) . £37: — : 3½

ffrom John Leech, vendue M^{r}, for Rent to the 14th of Octob^{r}, 1721 . . . . . £27: 10: —

ffrom Dan^{ll} Radley as Wharfinger £2: 7: 9

£130: 13: —

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Amount brought forward £130: 13: —

Of which the Treasurer has Received in part of the Above Acco: & has Credited the Corporacon Accordingly in his Acco[t] now Settled, vizt.

Of Owen Roberts p ord: on him for £40: 6: 1½

Of John Leech, in full of his Acco[t] p his Note, Payable to Sam[ll] powell . . . . . 27: 10: —

Of William Carter, as Clerk of the Market . . . . . 37: —: 3½

£104: 16: 5

Due to the Corporation £25: 16: 7

That they find the Corporation Indebted to the Several persons following, vizt.

To Robert Assheton, as Record[r], to y[e] 1[st] Octo[r], A° 1721 . . . . . £26: 9: 4

To William pawlet, as Beadle, to y[e] 1[st] 5[th] m[o], A° 1721 £15: 18: 6

To William ffishbourn, as Treasurer of the Money Accrewing to the Corporation for ffines, Bench fees, ffreedoms, Chimney ffiring & Stall Rents, there being now due to him, When the £104: 16: 5 is Discounted £92: 19: 11

£135: 7: 9

Due to the Corporation as above £25: 16: 7

The Corporation is in Debt £109: 11: 2

Which Acco[t] being Examined by the Board, is Approved of.

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The Clerk of the Market Complaining that Several persons Refuse to pay the Stall rents for the Last Year, & desires to know the Opinion of the Board What Measures shall be taken to recover the Same, The Board having taken the sd Complaint into Consideracon, & being Informed that Some of the persons refusing were Somewhat Injur'd in Moving their Stalls, When the new Stalls were Erected, Do Leave to the discretion of the Clerk what shall be allowed to them, & those who were not Injur'd he is desir'd to Recover the Same According to Law.

Ordered that the Old Stalls to the Westward of the New Market Stalls be Immediately removed, & and also those under the Court house, Except the Vendue Masters, & that no Butcher Shall sell any Meat in the Old Stalls, between the Prison & the Court house — but that the sd Stalls be Let for Selling of herbs, milk, butter & ffish, till further Order.

William Gray complaining by peticon that he is Like to be a great Sufferrer by his Late undertaking to pull down the Arch, & desires this Board woud Consider his Circumstances, for that he is Obliged to Compleat the Same According to Bargain it will Ruin him, the Board having taken the sd peticon & Complaint into Consideracon, It is the Opinion of the Board that he forthwith ffinish the Work, & then Lay the sd Peticon before the Board for their further Consideracon.

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At a Council held at Philad[a] the 28[th] day of May Anno 1722.

Present

William Fishburn, Esq[r], Mayor	Joshua Carpenter
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Recorder	Nehemiah Allen
Richard Hill	Henry Badcock
William Carter	John Warder
Joseph Redman	Evan Owen
William Hudson	Charles Read
Thomas Griffith	George Claypoole
	Thomas Griffitts
	Anthony Morris, Jun[r]
	Israel Pemberton
	John Jones
	Owen Roberts
	Joseph Buckley
	Edward Roberts
	Jno Cadwallader
	Thomas Redman

Aldermen.

Common Council.

Order'd that the Regulators of the Streets View that part of the Street to the Southward of the Bridge, Leading to the Governour's, and Lay out the same according to Regulation, and that they Give Notice to the person thereabout who have not yet paved before their Doors immediately to Git y[e] Same done.

The persons appointed the last Council to treat with Aquilla Rose on what Terms he would be willing to keep the New Ferry, intended to be Erected at the End of High Street, over y[e] River Schulkill, now pduce the sd Acquilla's Pposal in writing, which is as follows: He proposes to make a Causeway one y[e] West side

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of y^e^ River Schuylkill 49 Feett long, & 16 Feett broad, together with a house to live in, a sufficient Boat for y^e^ Carriage of Coach, Waggon & Cart, & for y^e^ Convenience of horses & other Cattle, & another Boat for foot Passengers. And in Consideration of his Expense afd he pposes to take a Lease of y^e^ sd Ferry for Twenty One Years, at the usual Ferriage pay'd at Samuel Blunstons & other Ferrys, & at y^e^ Expiration of y^e^ sd Term to Leave the sd Causeway firm & strong, & the Boats Tite & in Good Repair.

Order'd that the above pposalls Lye under Consideracon till the Next Councill.

The Mayor, Recorder, Alderman Hill & Alderman Carter are Desir'd to Inform themselves after the best manner they Can for what Term y^e^ old Ferry at the End of High Street, over the River Schulkill, was formerly Granted by the Proprietor to Philip England, as also if any publick Road was lay'd out, from y^e^ west Side of the River Schulkill over against the said Ferry, And whether the Bounds of this City to the Westward Extend over the River Schulkill, & what Lands the Proprietor Reserved on Each Side of y^e^ River to Accommodate the said Ferry, & make Report the next Councill.

Order'd that no Person after the next Markett Day, Sell any Butchers meet in the Stalls between the Court house & the Prison, And that the Cryer Give Publick notice thereof accordingly the Same Day.

Ralph Assheton the Present Clark of this City, Informing the Board that he Intends for England in A few Days, And will be Absent about Twelve Months, Craved that this Board would be pleased to Concurr with him in his Deputing one Fenwick Lyell,

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his Deputy During his Absence, whom he believes to be a fitt peon & hopes will Give Generall Satisfaction, To wch the Board Agreed on Condition that if the said Fenwick Do's not Discharge the said office as he ought to Doe, That this Board appoint some other Person to Supply the Said office during the said Ralph Asshetons Absence, And that all the Records of the Courts of this City & all the Records & Minutes of this Board be Deliver'd by the Said Ralph to the Recorder, with whom they are to Remain untill y^e^ sd Ralph's Return.

William Mackentosh petitioning that a Fine of Forty shillings Sett upon him the last Sessions for Committing an Assault and battery upon the Body of Richard Saunders, prays that this Board, [in Regard of his Poverty,] would be pleased to Remitt the said Fine, The Board haveing taken the said Petition into Consideracon Do Remitt the Same.

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At A Comon Council held at Philad^{a} 27th Aug^{t} 1722.

Present

Will^{m} Fishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Thomas Griffith
- William Carter
- William Hudson

Comon Council.
- Henry Badcock
- Israel Pemberton
- Thomas Griffitts
- John Jones
- Evan Owen
- Daniel Radley
- Peter Stretch
- Owen Roberts
- Charles Read
- John Cadwallader
- Edward Roberts
- George Claypoole
- Thomas Tresse
- George Fitzwater

Acquilla Rose's Petition & pposalls [being read] in relation to y^{e} Ferry Over Schulkill, & fully debated & Considered, It is agreed that y^{e} sd Acquilla Shall erect y^{e} said Ferry according to y^{e} minute of Councill y^{e} 28th of May last, And that in considera-con of the Expence hes like to be putt to in y^{e} Doing thereof, he hold y^{e} Same by Lease from y^{e} Corporacon p Twenty one years at y^{e} Rent of Tenn Shillings p annum.

Order'd That y^{e} said Acquilla Gitt a Draft of a Lease, or Articles of Agreem^{t} drawn, with proper Covenants, & Deliver them to y^{e} Mayor, to be pus'd & approved by the Mayor, Recorder, Alderman Carter & Owen Roberts, in order to be Lay'd before the next Councill.

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An ordinance in Relation to y^e^ Galloping of Horses, &c^a^, And another in relation to Carters & Draymen, &c., were read, & Lye under Consideration till y^e^ next Council.

Order'd that an Ordinance be drawn for Restraining y^e^ number of Doggs & Bitches in this City, y^e^ same being a Great Nusance & much Complained off.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^a^ Sept^e^ 26^th^ 1723.

Present

William Fishbourn, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- Thomas Griffith
- William Hudson

Comon Council.
- Owen Roberts
- John Cadwallader
- John Jones
- Evan Owen
- Peter Stretch
- Dan^ll^ Radley
- John Warder
- Thomas Redman
- George Claypoole
- Edward Roberts
- Clement Plumsted

Acquilla Rose, pursuant to the Order of the Last Council Lay'd before the Board a Lease of the ferry over Schylkill .—. —. —. Ordered that the same Lye under Consideracon till the next Council, and that Alderman Hill, Noris & Logan, Comissioners of property, be particularly Requested to give their Attendance at that Time.

Jane and Samuel Austin petticoning this Board for Redress in their right to eight feet of Ground on the North of Mulbery Street,

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The Same is referr'd to the Regulaters of party Walls and particon Fences to Examine.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 2^{d} day of October 1722.

Present

William Fishbourn, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Ashton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- Isaac Norris
- James Logan
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffith

Comon Council.
- Henry Badcoke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Edward Roberts
- George Fitzwater
- George Claypool
- Thomas Tresse
- Joseph Buckley
- Thomas Redman
- Clement Plumsted
- Israel Pemberton
- Samuel Carpenter
- John Carpenter
- Daniel Radley
- John Jones
- Thomas Griffitts
- Charles Read
- Evan Owen
- John Cadwallader
- John Warder
- Benjamin Vinning
- Anthony Morris
- Owen Roberts

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The Comon Council, pursuant to the Business of the day, proceeded to the Ellection of the Mayor for the Ensuing Year, and Isaac Norris, Esq^{r}, was chosen by Majority of Votes, Who being present refused to take upon him the sd Office; Whereupon his fine is Left to the Consideration of the next Council, where he is to give his reasons, (if he have any,) for his Refusall, And then

The Board proceeded to a new ellection, And James Logan, Esq^{r}, was ellected Mayor by Majority of Votes. And he desir'd Liberty of Consideration till to Morrow Morning, which was Granted.

Clement Plumsted
Israel Pemberton
Thomas Griffitts
Charles Read
Benj^{a} Vining
} Were Ellected Aldermen.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 3[d] day of October 1722.

Present

William Fishbourn, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Ashton, Esq[r], Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- Isaac Norris
- James Logan
- Thomas Griffith
- William Hudson

Comon Council.
- Henry Badcock
- George Claypoole
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- Evan Owen
- Joseph Buckley
- Benjaming Vining
- Thomas Tresse
- Clement Plumsted
- Israel Pemberton
- Thomas Griffitts
- Daniel Radley
- Samuel Carpenter
- John Carpenter
- John Cadwallader
- Edward Roberts
- Thomas Redman
- Charles Read
- George Fitzwater
- John Warder

Israel Pemberton, an Ellected Alderman of this City, refuseing to Accept the sd Office, his fine lys under the Consideration of this Board Till the next Council.

- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Charles Read
- Benjamin Vining

being Ellected Aldermen of this City, Accept'd thereof.

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Thomas Lawrence
George Calvert
Edward Owen
George McCall
Robert Ellis
} Are Now ellected Comon Council for this City.

Order'd that Clement Plumsted, Charles Read and Edward Roberts Imediately waite upon the Governor to know what Time he'el please to appoint to receive the Mayor Ellect for his Qualification.

Who being Returned, Answer that the Governor is now ready to qualify the new Mayor Ellect.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} October y^{e} 15th 1722.

Present

James Logan, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Ashton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
William Carter
Thomas Masters
Thomas Griffith
William Fishbourn
William Hudson
Benjamin Vining
Charles Read
Clement Plumsted
Thomas Griffitts.

Comon Council.
Henry Badcock
Owen Roberts
George Claypool
Peter Stretch
John Jones
Evan Owen
Edward Roberts
Joseph Buckley
Thomas Tresse
Daniel Radley
Israel Pemberton
John Warder
Anthony Morris
Thomas Redman
Samuel Carpenter

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Order'd That the Order of the 20th of September last in Relation to Aquila Rose Lye under further Consideration.

An Ordinance for the prevention of Mischief that may happen by the Excessive Galloping, Trotting & paceing of Horses within the built part of this City, was agreed to & Order'd to be Ingrost.

Also an Ordinance for the prevention of Mischief that may happen by Wagoners, Carters or Draymen, was Agreed to & Order'd to be Ingrost.

Also an Ordinance for the preventing of Mischief Ariseing from Doggs in this City, was agreed to and Order'd to be Ingrost.

Order'd that the Above Ordinances be published on Saturday, the 20th Instant, at the hour of Ten in the Morning, And the Members of this Board are to attend the Publication, &c.

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At a Common Council held at Philad^{a}, October y^{e} 29th=1722.

Present

James Logan, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Ashton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- Isaac Norris
- William Fishbourn
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Griffitts
- William Hudson

Common Council.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Daniel Radley
- Peter Stretch
- Edward Roberts
- George Fitzwater
- George Calvert
- Evan Owen
- John Cadwallader
- John Carpenter
- Thomas Lawrence
- George Claypool
- Thomas Redman
- Anthony Morris
- John Warder

The Order in Relation to Aquila Rose is Left under further Consideration.

Order'd that Alderman Griffitts, Israel Pemberton, George Claypool and Evan Owen, or Some three of them, Examine the Publick Accounts of this City, from the time of the Last Settling thereof, to the Second Instant, the Day of the Ellection of the present Mayor, And Make report to the next Council.

A Petition, Signed by Thomas Miller, Butcher, with the names of Divers Others Added, being presented to this Board, The Application was Judged Irregular and Insolent, and therefore 'tis rejected.

The state of the Rents of the new Market Stalls being Inquired into, the Clerk of the Market reports that the Butchers so generally

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Decline paying their Rents, that he has received but Little more than the 25lls, which he paid to Joseph Redman (in discharge of a bond due to James Logan, the present Mayor.) He therefore desires the directions of this board, what measures he shall use in Order to recover the Same.

The Clerk of the Market is hereupon Ordered to Use all Legall methods to recover all arrears of the sd Rents due the first of this Instant, October, And bring in an Account of the Same to this Board at its next Meeting.

He is also hereby Authorised and Directed, upon receiving the Said arrears, to Lett all the sd Stalls at the rate of three pounds per annum, the whole to Commence from the sd first day of October, And to render a full Account at the sd next Meeting of this board, As well of his proceedings in letting the sd Stalls, as of all his receipts of Rents for any Other Stalls in this City.

It is further Ordered That no Person, Butcher or Others, be Suffered to Smoak Tobacco in the Market or Market house, or in or at any Stalls, under the penalty of one Shilling for every offence, as the Same is Inflicted by an Act of Assembly of this province, now in force Against Smoaking in the Streets.

It is Likewise Order'd that no Person, Butcher or Others, Shall Kill or Slay any Beast, or lay any Garbage, Gutts, Dung or Offals, in or at the Stalls or Shambles, or in the Market, under the penalty of one Shilling for every Offence, of all which the Clerk is Directed to give Seasonable notice for prevention, And to demand, Recover and Receive the said penalties.

Alderman Fishbourn, Griffitts, Evan Owen & Anthony Morris, are requested to Let William Gray, Joseph Harrison and the Exe-

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cut^r^x of Joseph Redman, know that the bond Given by them for the p formance of the Covenants in relation to the Arch is forfeited, And unless they take Effectual care to finish the work and Secure the place, So that no Damage may ensue to this City from their past neglect, the Bond will Imediately be put in Suit.

And the Same persons are Requested to Consider of the most proper methods to prevent any further damage that may happen by reason of their not doing the Same, and report at the next Council.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^a^ November the 26^th^—1722.

Present

James Logan, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Fishbourn
- William Carter
- Thomas Griffith
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffitts

Comon Council.
- Henry Badcock
- George Claypool
- Thomas Redman
- George Fitzwater
- Anthony Morris
- George Calvert
- Edward Owen
- Edward Roberts
- Israel Pemberton

The Order in Relation Aquila Rose, is left under further Consideration.

The persons Appointed to Examine the publick Accounts, having Done nothing therein by reason of the Absence of the Sheriff, are requested to perfect the Same with all Expedition.

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The Clerk of the Market not having his Accounts Ready to render at this time, pursuant to an Order of the last Council, he is Requested to have the Same Ready at next Council.

The persons Appointed the last Council to Speak with William Gray, Joseph Harrison, And the Widow Redman, Report, That the Said persons desire that their bond may not be put in Suit, for that they will take Effectual Care that the work be Compleated.

The Same persons, viz^{t}, Alderman Fishbourn, Alderman Griffitts, Evan Owen & Anthony Morris, Are Again Directed to Give the sd persons Imediate notice, that unless, without any delay, they take Measures to Secure the Street, The sd Bond And Articles shall, this next Court of Comon pleas, be put in Suit.

Alderman Vining and Anthony Morris, who were formerly Requested to Repare the Draw Bridge and Causeway Leading to Society Hill, And to lay the Cost thereof before this Board, Having Done Nothing therein, are Desired to Finish the Same with all Expedition.

The Clerk of the Market is Ordered to pay off the first Bond Due to the Estate of Anthony Morris, Out of the Money received by him for Rent of the Stalls.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} Feb: 4th 1722.

Present

James Logan, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorder
William Fishbourn
Clement Plumsted
Thomas Griffith
William Carter
Thomas Griffitts
Richard Hill
Isaac Morris
Charles Read
Samuel Preston.

Thomas Lawrence
George Claypoole
Peter Stretch
Israel Pemberton
John Cadwallader
Evan Owen
John Jones
Daniel Radley
Henry Badcock
George Calvert
John Warder
Anthony Morris
Thomas Redman
Thomas Tresse

} Com. Council.

Schuylkill Ferry being now again under y^{e} Consideracon of the Board, It is y^{e} unanimous opinion that application be immediately made to y^{e} assembly for an act to Vest y^{e} said Ferry in y^{e} Corporacon, and to have y^{e} Sole managem^{t} and Direction thereof,

It is Order'd that the Mayor, Recorder, Alderman Hill, Fishbourn, Plumsted and Griffitts, prepare and p^{e}sent a Petition for y^{e} purpose, without Delay.

Complaint being made by Some of y^{e} Members of this Board, of Great abuses being still Comitted in Short weight of flour, expos'd to Sale or Deliver'd in Paym^{t} in this City, Tis recomended to y^{e} Representatives of this City in y^{e} assembly, and such others of this

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Board as are Members of y^e^ Same, to represent to y^e^ house y^e^ Continuance of the said Abuses, and to pray that some further Remedy may be p vided against them.

At A Comon Councill held at Philad^a^ March 25^th^ 1723.

Present

James Logan, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Thomas Griffitts
- Thomas Griffith
- Samuel Preston
- Charles Read
- Richard Hill
- Benjamin Vining

- George Claypoole
- Evan Owen
- John Jones
- George Calvert
- Owen Roberts
- Israel Pemberton
- Anthony Morris
- Joseph Buckley
- Thomas Tresse
- Thomas Redman
- John Warder

The Comitte appointed to Settle y^e^ Publick Acc^ts^ of this City, haveing not yet p form'd y^e^ Same, are Desir'd to gitt them ready to be lay'd before y^e^ next Councill.

Order'd that y^e^ Middle Row of y^e^ Stalls between y^e^ Court House and y^e^ Prison be pull'd down, and William Pawlett is appointed to See y^e^ Same done.

Alderman Giffitts, Geo: Claypooll & Thomas Redman, together with William Fishbourn, Evan Owen & Anthony Morris, are appointed to Consider y^e^ Best Method of y^e^ Water Course to y^e^

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River, in Mulbery Streett from y^e^ Arch, And to make Report thereof y^e^ next Council.

Francis Jones, his Peticon requesting that y^e^ Fine of Twenty Pounds, which was inflicted on him for Comitting an assault and Battery upon y^e^ Body of George Claypooll might be mittigated, being read & Consider'd by the Board, it was agree'd that the said Fine be abated to Tenn Pounds.

At A Comon Councill held at Philad^a^ 1^st^ of Aprill 1723.

Present

James Logan, Esq^r^, Mayor
Rob^t^ Assheton, Esq^r^, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Thomas Griffitts
- William Carter
- Will^m^ Hudson
- Tho^s^ Griffith
- Benj. Vining
- Clem^t^ Plumsted

Comon Councill Men.
- Peter Stretch
- Tho^s^ Redman
- John Jones
- Evan Owen
- Geo: Calvert
- John Warder
- Henry Badcock
- Edw^d^ Owen
- Anthony Morris
- Nehemiah Allen

The p sons appointed y^e^ last Councill to Settle y^e^ Publick Aec^ts^ of this City, not yett having finished, are desir'd to Compleat y^e^ Same with all Expedition.

It is order'd that the Old Prison be Sold to y^e^ Highest Bidder, And y^t^ Money from y^e^ Same arising, be apply'd to y^e^ makeing Good y^e^ Arch Streett and Wharf, as far as y^e^ Same will goe.

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Alderman Plumsted, Griffitts and Thomas Redman are requested to view & make some Computacon of the Value of y^e^ Old Prison, And to make Report thereof to y^e^ Next Councill.

At A Comon Councill held at Philad^a^ 24^th^ Aprill 1723.

Present

James Logan, Esq^r^, Mayor	John Cadwallader
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Recorder	John Jones
William Carter	Joseph Buckley
Thomas Griffith	George Fitzwater
Thomas Griffitts	Israel Pemberton
William Hudson	George Calvert
Charles Read	Edward Owen
William Fishbourn	Daniel Radley
Clement Plumsted.	Edward Roberts
Benjamin Vining	Peter Stretch
	George Claypoole
	Thomas Redman
	Anthony Morris
	Evan Owen

Aldermen. Comon Councill Men.

The Persons appointed to Settle y^e^ Publick Acc^ts^ of this City, Report that they have not yet Compleated y^e^ Same, The Sheriff at their last Meeting not attending by Reason of Some other Publick Business of Importance, They are therefore Requested to finish y^e^ same as soon as possible:

Alderman Plumsted & Griffitts & Thos. Redman, who were y^e^ last Councill Requested to View and make Some Computation of y^e^

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Value of y^e^ Old Prison, not haveing done any thing therein, It is therefore Order'd That y^e^ Same be publickly Sold to y^e^ Highest Bidder, on y^e^ first day of May next, The Purchaser to be oblidg'd to Remove y^e^ same without delay.

Joshua Richardson, Petitioning for A Mittigation of his Fine, Sett upon him y^e^ last City Sessions, This Board having Consider'd thereof, are unwilling to Remitt it or any part of it, But it's Order'd that y^e^ Treasurer (for y^e^ Case of y^e^ said Joshua) take y^e^ said Joshua's Bond for y^e^ same, payable in three Months.

Upon a Petition from Acquilla Rose, praying That the Agreem^t^ made with him last year, by this City for Erecting a Ferry at the End of the High streett, over Schuylkill may, upon y^e^ late act of Assembly for Establishing the said Ferry, be Confirm'd to y^e^ Petitioner,

It is resolv'd that y^e^ Said Contract be Confirm'd according to y^e^ Minutes of y^e^ 28^th^ of May & y^e^ 27^th^ of August last, And y^e^ said Acquilla Is Order'd to Provide a Draught of a Lease for that agreem^t^, and to Deliver y^e^ Same to the Mayor, to be Consider'd p him, the Recorder, & Alderman Fishbourn and Evan Owen against y^e^ Next Councill, And That alderman Fishbourn, Carter, Edward Roberts and John Cadwallader, with the Surveyor Generall, without delay, Lay out y^e^ High Streett, and Fix y^e^ Wharfs for y^e^ Ferry.

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At A Comon Councill held at Philad[a] June 3[d] 1723.

Present

Aldermen.

Thomas Logan, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Recorder
Richard Hill
William Fishbourn
William Carter
Charles Read
Clement[t] Plumsted
Thom[s] Griffith
Thomas Griffitts

Comon Councill.

Owen Roberts
John Jones
Geo: Fitzwater
Anthony Morris
Israel Pemberton
Thomas Redman
John Cadwallader
Peter Stretch
George Calvin
Daniel Radley
Thomas Lawrence

The Persons appointed to Settle the Publick acc[ts] of this City, not having finished, are Requested to Compleat y[e] Same with all Possible Expedition.

Resolved that Alderman Fishbourn, Treasurer of this City, who on y[e] first day of May last (in pursuance of the Order of this Board for Exposing to Publick Sail the Old Prison,) purchased y[e] Said Prison for Seventy five Pounds, Shall Carry y[e] Said Sum to y[e] Creditt of this Corporation, and p ceed with[t] delay to Remove y[e] said Prison & Walls, & effectually to Clear y[e] Streett on which it Stands.

The End of Mulberry Street (to witt) from y[e] East side of the Front Street to y[e] River, since y[e] Arch was removed, being very ruinous, by reason of y[e] late Great Rains, for want of a free passage for y[e] water, and y[e] laying of a Tax for that & many other

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things in this City, being thought impracticable at this time, The Mayor to p Event further Damage to y^e^ above Street, frankly presented y^e^ Corporation with Twenty Pounds to be lay'd out there, for wch he had y^e^ Hearty thanks of y^e^ Board ——— and y^e^ Mayor is requested by y^e^ said Board to Direct Workmen in Paving y^e^ Channell & Erecting Posts on Each side of the same, for y^e^ regular & free passage of y^e^ water.

At A Comon Councill held at Philad^a^ August 19^th^ 1723.

Present

James Logan, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Rocorder

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- William Fishbourn
- Clem^t^ Plumsted
- William Carter
- Thomas Griffitts
- Benjamin Vining

Comon Councill.
- Peter Stretch
- George Claypool
- Thos. Redman
- John Warder
- Jos. Buckley
- John Jones
- Edward Owen
- Israel Pemberton
- Robert Ellis
- Henry Badcock

A Lease from y^e^ Mayor and Comonalty to Acquilla Rose for y^e^ Ferry at the End of High Streett over y^e^ River Schuylkill, was Read & Executed by y^e^ Mayor.

James Waters and Zachariah Hutchins, by their Petitions requesting that the Respective Fines of Five Pounds, lay'd on them y^e^ last City Sessions, for Selling strong Liquors with^t^ Licences may be remitted, the Same were rejected.

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John Eyre, Petitioning that a fine of Five Pounds Lay'd on him y^e^ last City Sessions for Selling Liquors with^t^ Lycence, This Board taking y^e^ Same into Consideration, Do Remitt it.

John smith Petitioning that a fine lay'd on him y^e^ last City Sessions for Selling Liquors without Lycence, may be Remitted, the Same is Rejected.

Order'd That Mary Whiteker be pay'd two Shillings p Week for Sweeping y^e^ Court House & Stalls twice a week, for y^e^ time past, & such further time to Come, as she shall continue y^e^ same.

The Comittee appointed to Settle the Publick Acc^ts^ of this City not having yett Compleated y^e^ Same, are requested to gitt y^e^ Same ready in order to be Lay'd before y^e^ next Councill.

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At A Comon Council held at Philad[a] Septr 12[th] 1723.

Present

James Logan, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Rec[r]

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Sam. Preston
- W[m] Fishbourn
- Tho[s] Masters
- W[m] Carter
- Clem[t] Plumsted
- Char. Read
- W[m] Hudson
- Tho[s] Griffitts

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcock
- Edward Roberts
- Owen Roberts
- Geo. Fitzwater
- Geo. Claypool
- Thos. Tresse
- Thos. Buckley
- Thos. Redman
- Dan. Radley
- Evan Owen
- John Cadwallader
- John Warder
- Anthony Morris
- Tho[s] Lawrence
- Geo. Calvert
- Edw[d] Owen
- Geo. M[c]Call
- Robert Ellis

The Comittee appointed to Settle y[r] Publick Acc[ts] of this City, being Call'd upon to Report y[e] Same, do alledge that they have not Hitherto been able to Settle them, the p sons with whom they were to acc[t] not having had Leisure hitherto, to attend them, The Mayor, thereupon, putt them in mind, that the time for y[e] Election of another Mayor is approaching, and that p bably there wou'd not be but one meeting more of this Board, before the year Expires. He, therefore, earnestly Recomends to them to finish y[e] said Acc[ts]

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this week, that they may be Reported at the next Meeting — And He Desires y^e^ Company of the Board to a Publick Dinner with him, now p vided at the Plume of Feathers.

At A Comon Councill held at Philad^a^ Septr 30^th^ 1723.

Present

James Logan, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Rec^r^
Thomas Griffith
W^m^ Fishbourn
W^m^ Carter
W^m^ Hudson
Chas Read
Clem^t^ Plumstead
Tho^s^ Griffitts
} Alder.
Israel Pemberton
Peter Stretch
John Jones
Robert Ellis
Henry Badcock
Edw^d^ Owen
Edw^d^ Roberts
John Cadwallader
Tho^s^ Redman
Geo. Fitzwater
Geo. Calvert
Owen Roberts
Geo. Claypool
Dan. Radley

The Mayor acquainted the Board, that the occasion of this Councill was chiefley to Receive the Publick Acc^ts^ of this City from y^e^ Comittee appointed to Settle them, wr upon Israel Pemberton one of the said Comittee, Reported they had Settl'd with Every one, except the City Treasurer, whose acc^t^ is not yet Compleated, they are therefore Requested (where they have not already Settled with y^e^ Severall p sons Liable to account) to settle y^e^ said acc^ts^ to this day.

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Alderman Fishbourn, Geo. Fitzwater & John Warder are Requested to Imploy p sons immediately for the Opening the High Street, to y^e^ New Ferry, and to Lay y^e^ Costs thereof before y^e^ next Councill, after y^e^ Same is done.

At A Comon Councill held at Philad^a^ October 1^st^ 1723.

Present

James Logan, Esq^r^, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^r^, Record^r^

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Sam. Preston
- W^m^ Fishbourn
- W^m^ Carter
- Char Read
- W^m^ Hudson
- Tho^s^ Griffitts
- Tho^s^ Griffith

Com. Coun.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Owen Roberts
- Israel Pemberton
- Dan. Radley
- Edward Roberts
- John Cadwallader
- Edw^d^ Owen
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- Robert Ellis
- John Warder
- Anthony Morris
- Geo. Fitzwater
- Geo. Claypool
- Nehemiah Allen
- Henry Badcock
- Jos Buckley
- Sam Carpenter
- Evan Owen
- Thos. Redman
- Thos. Tresse

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The Bourd, pursuant to the Business of the Day, Proceeded to the Election of a New Mayor for y^e^ Ensuing Year, And Alderman Plumstead was Chosen by A Majority of Votes, &c^c^.

At A Comon Councill held at Philad^a^ 9. 13^th^ 1723.

Present

Clement Plumstead, Esq^r^, Mayor
Rob Assheton, Esq^r^, Reco^r^

Ad.:
Richard Hill
W^m^ Fishbourn
Char Read
Tho^s^ Griffith
Tho^s^ Griffitts
W^m^ Carter

Com Counc.:
Owen Roberts
Geo Fitzwater
John Cadwallader
Edw^d^ Owen
Dan Radley
Nehemiah Allen
John Jones
Anthony Morris
Geo Calvert
Henry Badcock
Rich^d^ Warder
Geo Claypool
Jn^o^ Carpenter

Alderman Carter appear'd at the Board & Signified his Desire to Resigne the office of Clerk of y^e^ Markett & Collector of the Stall Rents, and y^e^ Mayor pursuant to y^e^ Power Lodged in him by y^e^ Charter, having named Richard Armitt as Clark of the Markett, and the said Richard having Petition'd this Board to appoint him Receiver of the Stall Rents, It is resolved by the Board that the said Richard be also Collector of y^e^ Stall Rents due from y^e^ first day of October last, and that the Money wch he Shall

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Receive as Collector of y^e^ said Rents, be apply'd, as was formerly agreed by this Board, to pay the p sons who advanced the money for the Building y^e^ said Stalls, and that he Lay his accounts from time to time before this Board wn Requir'd.

It is also Order'd that Alderman Carter Deliver unto the said Richard Armitt the Scales, Standards, Weights & Measures belonging to y^e^ Corporation, and that he Compleat his acc^t^ forthwith, and pay y^e^ money wch he hath in his Hands as this Board Shall Direct.

The Persons appointed to Clear y^e^ Road to y^e^ New Ferry on Schuylkill, applying to this Board for Money to Defray y^e^ Expence thereof, It is agreed that y^e^ said p sons appointed gitt y^e^ work done, and that this Board will give Orders to Defray y^e^ Expence wn the acc^ts^ are Lay'd before them.

The Mayor is desired to Endeavour to Secure the End of Mulberry Street, in the best manner y^e^ time of the year will p mitt, untill it may be better done, and to lay the acc^ts^ thereof before this Board to be allow'd.

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At A Comon Councill hld at Philad^{a} 9^{br} 25th 1723.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esq^{r}, Mayor	John Cadwallader
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recordr	George Claypool
Richard Hill	Geo Calvert
Thomas Griffitts	Evan Owen
William Carter	Thomas Lawrence
Samuel Preston	John Jones
W^{m} Hudson	Joseph Buckley
	Owen Roberts
	Thomas Redmam
	Israel Pemberton
	John Warder
	Nehemiah Allen

Aldermen. Com Councill.

A Proposall being made that application be made by this Board to the Assembly now Sitting, for the Loane of three Hundred Pounds out of the Money they are about to Emitt, for y^{e} Paying off & discharging the Debts due from y^{e} Corporation to the p sons who Lent them Money for the Building the new Market Stalls, to be Repay'd out of the Rents arising from the said Stalls.

Another p posall that application be also made for the Loane of a sum not Exceeding Three hundred Pounds, for the making & Repairing of Bridges, Wharfs, & for othr Publick Uses of this City, to be Repay'd by Taxes on y^{e} Inhabitants as occasion may Require.

Order'd that the Mayor & Recorder waite on the assembly & Request the Loane of the above Sums, and that the Three Hun-

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dred Pounds for Making & Repairing Brideges, Wharfs, &c, (in Consideration of its being for Publick Good,) may be Lent without any Interest.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 20th of April 1724.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Thomas Griffith
- William Fishbourn
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffitts

Comon Council.
- John Warder
- Evan Owen
- John Jones
- Anthony Morris
- George Calvert
- George Claypoole
- Edward Roberts
- Joseph Buckley
- Peter Stretch
- Thomas Lawrence

Thomas Griffitts, Evan Owen & George Claypoole Report that they have now Settled the publick Accompts of the City, and are as follows,

D^{r} Corporation of Philadelphia

1723.

8 mo 1, To Robert Assheton so much due to him	£	71	7 4
12 ^{mo}, To William Nichols for Carting Gravel, Earth, &c, for paving ab^{t} y^{e} Court House,		7	8 —
To Samuel Johnson for painting the Market House,		7	2 —
Amount carried forward,	£	85	17 4

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Amount brought forward	£ 85	17	4
1mo 24, To William Wray's Acc° for paving 408 yds. about the Market Stalls, & for 6 Loads of Stones & halling for y° same, ...	11	6	6
To William Fishbourn Ball° of his Acc°, . . .	76	14	8
To William Pawlet, ...	25	2	8½
To Thomas Hill, ...	10	—	—
	£209	1	2½

C°

1723.

8 mo 1, By William Carter for Balla of his acco°,	£ 49	18	—½
More for outstanding Debts due on the Stalls, to be Accounted for when recd, . . . 87 4 10½d			
By John Loech for Rent to 1 8 mo 1723, . . .	20	—	—
By Sarah Redman for Rent to 24 4 mo 1723, . .	9	—	—
By Estate of Thomas Masters Do, ...	9	—	—
By Owen Roberts for Ball° of his Acc° to the 5 mo 1723, ...	78	9	9
	£166	7	9
Ball° which is the present Debt of the Corporation,	42	13	5½
	209	1	2½

Philad° 20, 2mo 1724.

Application being made by the Treasurer of the County & City that the Money arising by the Sale of the Old Prison be orderd into his Hands for the use of the City and County, and it being fully debated by the Board, it is Ordered That William Fishbourn,

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the City Treasurer, pay into the hands of Evan Owen, Treasurer of the County & City, the Neat produce of the Old Prison, to be applied for the joynt Use of the City and County.

Ordered That the Mayor pay off and take up the Bonds given by William Fishbourn, then Mayor of this City, for the Money lent for the building the Market Stalls, and bring the same, or so many as He takes up, to the next Council.

Ordered That the Mayor receive the Money lent by the Assembly for the Use of the Corporation, being Three Hundred Pounds, and give Bond for the same to the Trustees of the Loan Office, pursuant to the Direction of the Act of Assembly.

Ordered that the Mayor give the Trustees of the Loan Office a Receipt for the Three hundred Pounds, directed by Act of Assembly to be paid by the Trustees into the hands of the City Treasurer for the building and repairing Wharfs and Bridges, &c.

Ordered that the present Mayor, Alderman Hill & John Warder, or any two of them, be Managers and Overseers to see the Wharfs & Bridges of this City built and repaired, And that they agree with any person or Persons for building or repairing the same. And it is also Ordered, That the Arch in the Second Street, the Arch in Chesnut Street, and the Wharf at the end of Mulberry Street be first built or repaired.

Ordered that William Fishbourn pay unto the Mayor, and other Mannagers, or any two of them, One Hundred Pounds out of the aforesaid Three hundred Pounds, and that the receivers of the same lay their Accots from time to time before this Board.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} May y^{e} 25, 1724.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Fishbourn
- William Carter
- Thomas Griffith
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffitts

Comon Council.
- Henry Badcocke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Edward Roberts
- John Cadwallader
- Evan Owen
- George Fitzwater
- Robert Ellis
- Peter Stretch
- George Claypoole
- Anthony Morris
- John Jones
- Edward Owen
- Daniel Radley
- John Warder
- George Calvert

The Mayor reports that He hath received from the Trustees of the Loan Office, the Three hundred pounds lent the City for discharging their Debts, due to those persons who lent the Money for building the Market Stalls, and that He had on behalf of the City, given Bond for the same under the City Seal, pursuant to the direction of the Act of Assembly.

He also acquainted the Board, that pursuant to the Order of the last Council, He had paid and taken up Nine Obligations formerly given to several persons, by William Fishbourn, the last Mayor, amount in all to Two hundred Eighty two Pounds, Eight Shillings & Nine Pence, Vizt:

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Paid the Executors of Jonathan Dickinson 4 Bonds amo^{t} to	£124	4	3
paid Isaac Norris . . . . 3 Bonds	92	19	2
paid James Logan . . . . 2 Bonds	65	5	4
	£282	8	9
Ballance remaining in the Mayors Hands, is . .	17	11	3
	£300	—	—

Ordered that the present Mayor receive from Alderman Carter the Sum of Forty nine pounds Eighteen Shillings, Money in his hands belong to the Corporacon, And also from Richard Armitt, the present Clerk of the Market, what Money may be in his hands due to the Corporation, And that he pay off such Obligations as may be still due to any of the persons who lent Money for building the Market Stalls.

The Board taking into consideration the Report of the Comitte of Acco^{ts} dated the 20th April last, by which it appears the Corporation is Indebted

To William Nichols	£	7	8 –
To Samuel Johnson		7	2 –
To William May		11	6 6
To William Pawlet		25	2 8
To Thomas Hill		10	– –

It is Ordered that William Fishbourn, Treasurer, pay the several persons above named, the Sum due to them out of the Money due to the City, in the hands of Owen Roberts, Sherif, and if they will accept the said Owen for their Pay, that they take his Promissary Notes payable to themselves accordingly.

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The Petition of John Hare was read, praying to have his Fine of Five Pounds Abaited, which was laid on him by the Quarter Sessions of the City for Selling Liquors without Licence, which being considered,

Ordered, That one half his Fine be Abaited him.

The Petition of Rebeccah Gibson was Read, praying to have her Husband, Thomas Gibson's Fine Abaited, which was laid on him by the Quarter Sessions of the City, for Selling Liquors without Licence, which being Considered,

Ordered, That the whole Fine be forgiven him.

John Leech, by the Report of the Comitte of Acco^{s} appearing to be a D^{r} to the City, being sent for, came and acquaints the Board he hath Reasons to offer this Board for Abaitment of his Debt, which he is order'd to lay before next Council.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 24th Aug^{t} 1724.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Ashton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- W^{m} Carter
- W^{m} Hudson
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Griffitts
- Charles Read

Comon Council.
- Henry Badcock
- Nehemiah Allen
- John Warder
- Anthony Morris
- John Jones
- Evan Owen
- John Cadwallader
- Israel pemberton
- George ffitzwater
- Peter Stretch
- Robert Ellis
- George Calvert
- Edwd Owen

The Mayor acquainted the Board that he Intended in a Short time for England, & that he now Called them together to give them Notice thereof, & to Settle the publick Acco^{ts} as far as he has been concern'd. That he had paid James Logan the Money due to him from this City & had taken up the Bond, as also that he had taken up & paid of two Bonds due to y^{e} Ex^{rs} of Anthony Morris, decd, wch Bonds he produced & they were cancelled, that there remain'd due to the Corporacon as p acco^{ts} following, the Sum of £39 17 9 & desir'd to know to whom he shoud pay the Same in Order to have a Discharge: he also acquainted the Board That he with the other Persons appointed to Manage & Oversee the Building & repairing of the Several Wharfs & Bridges of this City had Agreed with a p son to Build the Wharf at the End of Mulberry Street, & that Articles of Agreem^{t} were drawn Ready to be Sign'd, that as

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he was one of the persons Appointed to See the Work Compleated Desir'd, they woud be pleased to appoint Some pson in his Stead.

Dr Corporation of Philadelphia.

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June 10,	To Cash paid Sarah Logan, 1 Obb . .	£30 4 1
29th,	To Cash pd Anth Morris, 1 Do. . .	32 15 –
	To Do pd for 1 Obb	31 — –
		93 19 1

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May 25,	By Balla of Accots Exhibited to the Council	£17 11 3
27th	By Cash from William Carter . . .	51 7 10
	By Cash from Richd Armit . . .	25 — —
		£93 19 1

1724. Dr Corporation of Philadelphia.

July 23d	To Cash pd for making a Comon Shoar in Chesnut Street	£ 5 7 3
Augt 14th	To Cash pd for 7500 Bricks to Pave 2d Street Bridge a 26s p m . . .	9 15 –
	To Cash pd John Bickham . . .	45 — –
		60 2 3
	Balla due to ye Corporacon . . .	£ 39 17 9
		£100 — –

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July 8th

By Cash recd from William ffishbourn . . £100 —

Ordered that the Balle of the Mayors Accot being £37 19 9 be paid into ye Hands of William Carter & George ffitzwater, who are Appointed, together with those formerly Appointed, to carry on the Building & Repairing of the Wharfs & Bridges of this City.

A Peticon of Jacob Taylor was Rèad, Praying an Allowance from this Board for Several Services Done as Surveyor in Laying out of the Streets of this City. It is Ordered that Charles Read, Evan Owen & John Jones, Inquire into the sd Services, & make report the Next Council What the sd Jacob Reasonably deserves.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 6[th] October 1724.

Present

Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.

Richard Hill,
James Logan
W[m] Carter
W[m] Hudson
Thomas Griffith
Charles Read

Henry Badcocke
Nehemiah Allen
Owen Roberts
Edw[d] Roberts
John Jones
Evan Owen
John Cadwallader
Israel pemberton
George Claypool
Peter Stretch
John Warder
Thomas Tresse
George ffitzwater
Joseph Buckley
Samuel Carpenter
Thomas Lawrence
George Calvart
Edw[d] Owen
Daniel Radley.

The Board, pursuant to the Business of the Day, Proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, And Alderman Morris was Chosen Nemine Contradicente.

Thomas Lawrence & Evan Owen are Elected Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes.

Ralph Assheton is Elected a Comon Council man of this City, by a Majority of Votes, & then the Council Adjourned to two o Clock in y[e] Afternoon.

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Present

Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Isaac Norris
- James Logan
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffith
- Charles Read

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcocke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Owen Roberts
- Peter Stretch
- Evan Owen
- John Cadwallader
- Thomas Tresse
- George Claypool
- John Warder
- Israel pemberton
- Thomas Lawrence
- Joseph Buckley
- Edward Owen
- Georg: Calvart
- Daniel Radley

The Board Met in Order to Present the Mayor Elect to the Governour for his Qualification, & Charles Read & John Cadwallader were Appointed to Wait on the Govern[r], to know when he woud be at Leisure to Qualify y[e] Mayor, Who Returned & Said that the Governour woud be ready to Receive this Board in half an hour, at which time the Board Waited on the Governour & presented the Mayor Elect, who was Qualified.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 12th Octob^{r} 1724.

Present

Isaac Norris, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Rich^{d} Hill
- James Logan
- William ffishbourn
- William Carter
- Thomas Griffith
- William Hudson
- Charles Read

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcocke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- George Claypool
- Edw^{d} Roberts
- Evan Owen
- John Cadwallader
- John Warder
- George ffitzwater
- Joseph Buckley
- George Calvart
- Thomas Lawrence
- Daniel Radley

Thomas Lawrence & Evan Owen were Qualified as Aldermen, & Ralph Assheton as a Comon Council man of this City, Who Subscribed the Several Oaths & Declaracons by Law required.

Joseph Antrobus is Chosen Beadle of this City by a Majority of Votes, who is to be removed from the ad Office upon his Misbehaviour.

George Claypool, John Cadwallader, George ffitzwater, John Warder & George Calvart are Appointed to Settle the Accounts of this City from the time of the last Settlement, & make their report the next Council.

Ordered that the persons appointed for overseeing the ffinishing of the Wharf at the End of Mulberry Street, Apply to the Regula-

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tors of this City to regulate the ffront Street from Mulberry Street, Southward as far as Occasion Shall require, there being present Occasion for Dirt to fill Up the sd Wharf.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay the Overseers of the Building & finishing the Wharf at the End of Mulberry Street, the Sum of Thirty pounds.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 29th March 1725.

Present

Isaac Norris, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Thomas Griffith
- W^{m} Carter
- W^{m} Hudson
- Thomas Lawrence
- Evan Owen

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- Geo. Claypool
- Israel pemberton
- Edwd Roberts
- Jn^{o} Cadwallader
- John Jones
- Anth Morris
- Edw^{d} Owen
- Dan^{ll} Radley
- George ffitzwater

Caleb Ranstead Exhibited an Acco^{t} of Paving the High street, where it Intersects the third Street, Amo^{t} to Six pounds Nineteen Shillings & two pence, Which was allowd & Ordered that the Treasurer pay the Same.

Evan Owen & John Cadwallader are Appointed to Imploy Workmen to ffill up the Old wall at the Center, & Lay the Charge thereof before the Next Council; Also to Speak to James Portuous,

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to Remove the Old pump & ffill up the Well at the End of Jones' Alley.

George ffitzwater, John Jones & Edward Roberts are Appointed to View the End of Sasafrax Street, by John ffurnis, & to Imploy Workmen to Repair the sd Street, So as to make it Passable for the present, & bring in their Acc^{t} the Next Council.

Ordered that the Mayor pay of the ffirst Payment of the Three hundred pounds borrowed in the Loan Office out of the Money Arising upon the Stall rents, now in the hands of Richard Armit, Clerk of the Market, and See the Corporacon Discharg'd thereof.

Joseph Webb Peticoning that a fine of ffive pounds Set upon him the last City Sessions, for keeping publick house without Lycence, might be by this Board Remitted, or some part thereof, the Board taking the sd peticon into Consideracon, Do Remitt ffifty Shillings of the sd ffive pounds.

William ffisher Peticoning that a ffine of ffive pounds Set upon him the last City Sessions, for keeping publick house without Lycence, might by this Board be remitted, the Board taking the sd peticon into Consideracon, Do remitt fforty Shillings of the sd ffive pounds.

Mary Whitaker Exhibited an Acco^{t} am^{t} to Twenty three pounds ffive Shillings for Sweeping the Market house by Agreem^{t}, for Three Years & a half, Which acco^{t} is refered to be Examined by the persons Appointed to Settle the City Acco^{ts}.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 30th Aug^{t} 1725.

Present

Isaac Norris, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- James Logan
- William Carter
- Thomas Griffith
- William Hudson
- Evan Owen

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcocke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Israel Pemberton
- Jn^{o} Cadwallader
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Owen Roberts
- Henry Flower
- Edward Owen
- Ralph Assheton

The Persons Appointed to Settle y^{e} City Acco^{ts} having done Nothing therein, & George Calvart, one of y^{e} sd Persons, being Since dead, It is Ordered that y^{e} other ffour, Viz^{t}, George Claypoole, John Cadwallader, George Fitzwater & John Warder, Do proceed to Settle y^{e} sd Acco^{ts} forthwith, & Compleat y^{e} Same before the Next Councill.

Evan Owen & John Cadwallader being Appointed last Council to Imploy Workmen to ffill Up y^{e} well at the Centar, & Lay y^{e} Charge before this Board, as also to Speak to James Portuous, to remove y^{e} Old Pump & ffill up y^{e} Well at y^{e} End of Jones' Alley, Now report that they have not as yet Compleated y^{e} Same, but will do y^{e} Same before next Council, & that now, upon their Speaking to James Portuous ab^{t} the pump, he promises that the Same shall be done forthwith.

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The p sons Appointed y^e^ last Council to View the End of Sassafrax Street, by John ffurnis, & to Imploy Workmen to repair y^e^ Same as to make y^e^ Same passable, having done Nothing therein, Alderman Carter & Alderman Griffitts are Desired to Assist y^e^ sd psons in Consulting the best Method to repair y^e^ Same & ffinish y^e^ Wharf at the End of y^e^ sd Street, & Get the Same Compleated with all Expedition, And that y^e^ sd Alderman & persons Call on y^e^ Mayor, Recorder, Alderman Hill, Alderman Carter & Alderman Hudson, Who have been pleased to Lend this Corporation Tenn pounds towards y^e^ Defraying the Charge of y^e^ sd Work, Who are to be repaid out of y^e^ next publick money, of what Nature or kind Soever it be, of this Citys & Corporacons.

Ordered that the Mayor Pay to the Ex^rs^ of Anth: Morris, what remains Due to them on Bond from this Corporacon.

Evan Owen Israel Pemberton & John Jones are Appointed regulators of this City, & Jacob Taylor is Added in y^e^ Room of Thomas Redman, Deceas'd.

Samuel Ring Petitioning y^e^ Board that a ffine of ffive pounds set upon him the last Court, for keeping public house without Lycense, may be remitted, the Petition being Under Consideration, the said Samuel Ring is remitted ffifty Shillings of y^e^ said ffive pounds.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 29th Sept^{r} 1725.

Present

Isaac Norris, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- William Carter
- Thomas Griffitts
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Lawrence
- Evan Owen
- W^{m} Hudson
- W^{m} ffishbourn
- Charles Read

Comon Council.
- Henry Badcock
- Nehemiah Allen
- Israel Pemberton
- Anthony Morris
- George Claypool
- George ffitzwater
- Daniel Radley
- John Jones
- Samuel Carpenter
- Thomas Tresse
- Ralph Assheton

The persons appointed to Settle the City Acco^{ts}, Make report that they have not as yet ffinished the Same, It is therefore order'd that they proceed & Compleat the Same before the Setting of the Next Council.

Alderman Carter & Alderman Griffitts, appointed last Councill, with the persons fformerly appointed to View the End of Sassafrax Street, by John ffurnis, & to Imploy Workmen to Repair the Same, As to make the same passable, & to consult the Best Methods of Repair, & ffinish the wharf at the End of the s^{d} Street, now report, That they had viewd the Same, & are of Opinion that the Sum of ffifty pounds will not be Sufficient to mend the s^{d} Street as it ought to be done, but that it may be so laid out as to make the ffront Street passable, with the way down Safely for the present, Therefore the Persons who promised to Advance the Sum of Ten pounds, each, towards Compleating the s^{d} Work, are desir'd to pay the Moneys to Alderman Griffitts & George ffitzwater.

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The Mayor reports that he has paid Sarah Morris, by order of the Exrs of Anthony Morris, what remains Due to them, on Bond from this Corporacon, it being thirty three pounds.

At a Comon Council held at Philada the 5th Octr 1725.

Present

Isaac Norris, Esqr, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esqr, Recordr

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- James Logan
- Wm Carter
- Wm Hudson
- Charles Read
- Thomas Griffitts
- Thomas Lawrence

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcocke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- George Claypool
- Anth Morris
- John Jones
- George ffitzwater
- Jno Cadwallader
- Edward Roberts
- Samuel Carpenter
- Thomas Tresse
- Daniel Radley
- Joseph Buckley
- Ralph Assheton

The Board, pursuant to the Business of the Day, Proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & Alderman William Hudson was Elected by a Majority.

The Recordr is Desir'd to Send a Copy of the above Minute, Certifyd to the Govr, he being out of Town & also Acquaint him by Letter, that the Corporacon woud wait on Such person as he Shoud Depute to Qualify the Mayor pursuant to his proposal.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] 14[th] Jan[ry] 1725.

Present

William Hudson, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Recorder

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Griffitts

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Israel pemberton
- John Jones
- George ffitzwater
- Edward Owen
- Edward Roberts
- George Claypoole
- Joseph Buckley
- Ralph Assheton

George Claypool represents to this Board that he has given diligent attendance as a Member thereof, for above ten years past, & ffor ffour Years has been appointed on a Comittee for the Settling the Publick Acc[ts], which Business has been attended with Some Charge & much Trouble. That the City Assessors Notwithstanding have appointed him Collector of the Tax for Chesnut Ward, & Craved the Opinion of the Board if he ought not, as a Member thereof, be Exempted from that Office. It is the Opinion of this Board that the sd George Claypool & every Member of this Board Ought to be Exempted from such Services, & the City Treasurer is Appointed to Acquaint the Assessors thereof, that they may appoint some other person to Collect the sd Tax in that Ward.

The Mayor Acquaints the Board that Richard Armit, Clerk of the Market, lately paid him ffifty pounds money for the Rents of Market Stalls, & Prays the Opinion of the Board for the Disposal thereof, he is therefore requested to pay into the Loan Office, the

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ffirst Payment for the Three hundred pounds due from the Corporacon, & See the Same Indost of the Bond, & keep the Residue in his hands till further Orders.

The persons appointed to Examine Mary Whitakers Acco^{t} for Sweeping the Market house, Now report that they have Examined the Same, & find Due to the sd Mary the Sum of Eighteen pounds Twelve Shillings & Six pence, Eighteen pounds of Which the Mayor Ordered the Clerk of the Market to pay to the City Treasurer, which this Board Allow'd.

The Articles of Agreement between the City Treasurer & William Gray, about Pulling Down the Arch &^{c}, is now Cancelled in Council, the Same being Comply'd with, & the Bond for Performance be Delivered Up.

Charles Brockden Exhibiting an Acco^{t}, amounting to ffour pounds ffourteen Shillings, for Several Writings & Service done for this Corporacon, which is referred to the Comittee of Acco^{ts}.

The Clerk of the Market is ordered to appoint some p son to Sweep the Market house, who is to be Allowed Two Shillings p week.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 15[th] July 1726.

Present

William Hudson, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- James Logan
- Samuel Preston
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Griffith
- Charles Read
- Thomas Lawrence

Com. Council.
- Anthony Morris
- Israel pemberton
- Peter Stretch
- George Claypool
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Joseph Buckley
- Edward Owen
- Ralph Assheton

The Mayor is requested to receive from Alderman Morris, Alderman Carter & the Present Clerk of the Market, the Money in their hands & pay unto Sarah Redman the Balance due to Joseph Redmans Estate, After Discounting the Debt due for Wharfage from him to the Corporacon, And that the Mayor also Pay into the Loan Office, or to Such persons as may be Impowr'd to receive the Same, the proportionable part of Such Money as may be due from the Corporacon.

John Leech being now Sent for to give his Reasons why he has not paid the Moneys Due from him to the Corporacon for Stall Rent under the Court house, came & requested them to give in his reasons, which was Granted him to the Next Meeting of the Council.

Ordered that Alderman ffishbourn, Alderman Plumsted, Alderman Lawrence, Anthony Morris & George Claypool, or so many

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of them as can Attend, Draw up an Address to the Govern^{r} to Congratulate him on his Safe Arrival, ct, in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen & Comonalty of this City, & give the Same to the Mayor or Record^{r} in order to Lay them before the Council.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 18th July 1726.

Present

William Hudson, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Rob^{t} Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
Rich^{d} Hill
Isaac Norris
Sam^{l} Preston
Will^{m} Carter
W^{m} ffishbourn
Clement Plumsted
Charles Read
Thomas Griffith
Thomas Griffitts
Thomas Lawrence
Evan Owen.
Nehemiah Allen
Henry Badcocke
Daniel Radley
Edw^{d} Roberts
Joseph Buckley
Israel Pemberton
John Cadwallader
George Claypool
Ralph Assheton
John Jones.

The Persons Appointed to Draw an Address to the Gov^{r} now Lay the Same before the Board, which was Read & Approv'd, Nemine Contradicente, and Order'd Immediatly to be Ingrost & Signed by the Mayor, and Richard Hill & Isaac Norris are Desired to go to the Gov^{r} to Acquaint him that this Board wond waite on him at Three oClock this Afternoon.

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Post Merediem.

Present

W^m Hudson, Esq^r, Mayor	Henry Badcoke
Rob^t Assheton, Esq^r, Record^r	Nehemiah Allen
Richd Hill	Henry fflower
James Logan	Peter Stretch
Sam^l Preston	Israel Pemberton
W^m Carter	John Warder
W^m ffishbourn	George Claypool
Clement Plumsted	John Cadwallader
Charles Read	Edw^d Roberts
Thomas Griffith	Thomas Tresse
Thomas Griffitts	Daniel Radley
Thomas Lawrence	Joseph Buckley
Evan Owen.	Ralph Assheton.

Alderman Hill reported to the Board that he & Alderman Norris went to the Gov^r & Acquainted him that this Board Intended to wait on him at Three oClock this Afternoon, that the Gov^r told them he wond receive them at his House at the Hour Appointed.

William Miller being ffind Last Court 5£ for keeping Publick house Without Lycence, Craved the sd ffine be remitted, It is orderd the sd ffine be remitted.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 29[th] Sept[r] 1726.

Present

William Hudson, Esq[r], Mayor	Nehemiah Allen
Rob[t] Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]	Peter Stretch
Rich[d] Hill	Geo Claypoole
W[m] Carter	John Jones
Clem[t] Plumsted	John Warder
Sam[l] Preston	Geo ffitzwater
Evan Owen	Edw[d] Roberts
Tho[s] Griffitts	Rob[t] Ellis
W[m] ffishbourn	Daniel Radley
James Logan	Edw[d] Owen
Charles Read.	Joseph Buckley
	Tho[s] Tresse
	Ralph Assheton.

Israel Pemberton & George Claypoole are now Appointed to Settle the City Acco[ts] with all Expedition, & the Treasurer is requested to attend them & Defray their necessary Charges.

The Mayor Acquaints the Board that he has Settled with the Widow Redman, & paid her £36 9 3, which, with £1 13 5 Discounted, is due from her for the Rent of High Street Wharf, & all other Acco[ts] relating to her decd Husband, Jos Redman, & is full payment for the addition.

Anthony Morris is Elected an Alderman of this City by a Majority of Votes.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 28[th] Nov[r] 1726.

Present

Charles Read, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- James Logan
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- Clement plumsted
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Griffitts
- Evan Owen

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- Anthony Morris
- Henry fflower
- John Warder
- George Claypool
- John Jones
- Edw[d] Roberts
- George ffitzwater
- Thomas Tresse
- Edw[d] Owen
- Robert Ellis
- Ralph Assheton

Whereas it appears to this Board that the Law for Establishing the fferrys to Coopers & Glocester is now Expired, The Mayor, Recorder, Alderman ffishbourn & Alderman Plumsted are Desird to Draw a Peticon to the Assembly that the Direction of the sd fferrys may be Invested in this Corporacon.

Alderman Hudson, the late Mayor, Now produces his Acco[t], & acquaints the Board that he has paid into the Loan Office a Second Payment, to Witt: the Sum of Thirty Seven pounds Sixteen Shillings & Six pence Due from the Corporcon in April last, & that there remains in his hands the Sum of Thirty two pounds Sixteen Shillings & Nine pence, which he is Ordered to pay the Treasurer.

Alderman ffishbourn reports that he has taken Richard Kinners Bond for one hundred pounds, & Bryan Sheals Bond for ffifty

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pounds, Payable to this Corporacon According to the Direction of this Board.

Ordered that the Treasurer Pay Thomas Hill the Sum of twenty pounds, in part of Rent Due to him for the Watch house, out of the ffirst Money that Comes to his hands.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 2^{d} Decemb^{r} 1726.

Present

Charles Read, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- James Logan
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Thomas Lawrence
- Evan Owen
- Thomas Griffith
- W^{m} ffishbourn
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- Anthony Morris
- John Warder
- George Claypool
- Edw^{d} Owen
- Robert Ellis
- Joseph Buckley
- Daniel Radley
- Ralph Assheton

The Mayor produced a rough Draught of a peticon in relation to the fferrys of this City, which being read is referr'd to Alderman Logan & Alderman Plumsted to make Such Amendments & Addition as they Shall think proper.

It is agreed by this Board that the sum of ffive pounds be paid yearly to Peter Stretch out of the Publick Stock of this Corporation

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for his taking care of the City Clock, & finding all Materials that Shall be wanting to the Same.

Ordered that the Recordr bring the Ordinances of this City & Lay before the next Council.

The fire engine of this City being it is said Much out of Repair, Alderman Lawrence, Alderman Griffitts & Edwd Owen are appointed to View the same, & think of a proper place to preserve it from the Weather.

At a Comon Council held at Philada the 17th April 1727.

Present

Charles Read, Esqr, Mayr
Robert Assheton, Esqr, Recordr

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Wm ffishbourn
- Clement Plumsted
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Evan Owen
- Thomas Griffith
- Thomas Lawrence

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcoke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- George Claypoole
- George ffitzwater
- John Warder
- Joseph Buckley
- Robert Ellis
- Daniel Radley
- Anthony Morris
- Edwd Owen
- Ralph Assheton

Alderman Plumsted reports to this Board that he with Alderman Logan had made amendments to the peticon about the City ferrys, and laid the Same before the Assembly.

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The recorder now Lays before the Board the Several Ordinances of this City, And the Mayor, Record^{r}, Alderman Hill, Alderman ffishbourn, and Alderman plumsted, are Appointed to revise the said Ordinances, and report to the Next Council Which of them are proper to be put in Execution, that the Same may be made publick & printed.

The City Treasurer complaining that the Collectors of the Last City Tax have not as yet brought in their respective Assessments, It is Ordered that the Treasurer give notice to them that they ffortwith Pay the Same, or they will be proceeded against according to Law.

Alderman Hill, Alderman plumsted & Anthony Morris, are desir'd to view the Bridge over the Dock at the South End of the ffront Street & calculate the Charge of putting the Same in Good Order, & make report the Next Council, & in the mean time to get Subscriptions towards the charge thereof.

Alderman Plumsted, Alderman Griffitts, & Alderman Owen, are Appointed to Speak to Joseph Turner about Dockage due from him to this Corporation, as also to Thomas Masters about the Wharfage due from his Estate, & likewise the Dockage due from him Since his ffathers Decease, & make report the Next Council.

The Mayor, Alderman ffishbourn & George Claypoole, are appointed to View the High Street Wharf & Get the Same repaird with all Expedition.

Whereas the Stack of Chimneys in the house formerly Thomas Emleys on the north Side of John Williams on the Bank of Delaware, was the Last Court presented by the Grand Jury to be a Nusance & in Danger of ffalling on the house of the s^{d} Williams,

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The Mayor, Alderman ffishbourn & Alderman Lawrence, are Appointed to give the Owner of s[d] house Notice thereof [if to be found] that he take the same Down forthwith, Which, if he neglect to Do, they are to get the Same pulled Down with all Expedition.

Alderman Griffitts, George ffitzwater, together with John Dilwin, if he will be there, are appointed to View the Second Street between John Dilwins Lot & James Parrocks, William ffishers & John Goodsons Lotts, & Get the Same repaired & the Deep holes filled up with all Expedition, the Same being presented by Last Grand Jury of this City.

At a Comon Comon Council held at Philad[a] y[e] 16[th] May 1727.

Present

Charles Read, Esq[r], Mayor
Robert Assheton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- William ffishbourn
- William Carter
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Evan Owen
- Thomas Lawrence

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcock
- Nehemiah Allen
- Anthony Morris
- John Warder
- George Claypoole
- George ffitzwater
- Edward Roberts
- John Jones
- Thomas Tresse
- Robert Ellis
- Daniel Radley
- Edw[d] Owen
- Joseph Buckley
- Ralph Assheton

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The Persons appointed to revise the Several Ordinances of this City, that the Same may be made publick & printed, having not revised the Same, they are desired to get the same done by the next Council.

The Treasurer reports that he has given Notice to the Several Collectors to pay the City Tax, but that they have not as yet paid their respective Sums Charged with, and it being said that the Warrants on the duplicates are not Sufficient to Distrain on Such persons as refuse to pay the sd Tax, The Beadle is to give the Collectors Notice to bring the sd Warrants to the Treasurer that proper Warrants may Issue in order for such Distress.

The persons appointed to View the Bridge over the Dock at the South End of the ffront Street, now report that they have Calculated the Charge of putting the Same in Good Order, & if the Same be Extended thirty ffoot Wide from the West Side of the ffront Street on each Side of the Dock, & the Bridge made twenty ffoot wide, it will Cost about One hundred pounds, & the sd Persons are Desir'd to Get the Same finisht as soon as possible.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} June 5th 1727.

Present

Charles Read, Esq^{r}, May^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- Clement Plumsted
- William Hudson
- Evan Owen
- Thomas Griffitts

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcoke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Israel Pemberton
- John Jones
- George ffitzwater
- Edward Roberts
- Thomas Tresse
- Peter Stretch
- George Claypool
- John Warder
- Robert Ellis
- Joseph Buckley
- Edward Owen
- Daniel Radley
- Ralph Assheton

The Mayor & Comonalty Met in order to Consider of the Choice of a Recorder in the Room of Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, late Record^{r}, decd. And the Charter being read, Several Members desir'd that they might have time to Consider of a ffit person to fill that office, & the Mayor being desir'd to put to the Vote whether this Board shoud now proceed on their Choice, it was the Opinion of the Majority of the Council that some time be given to the Members of this Board to think of such ffit person, & that the Council Meet this Day Week, in order to choose a Recorder.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 12th June 1727.

Present

Charles Read, Esq^{r}, May^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard hill
- Isaac Norris
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- William Hudson
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Evan Owen
- Thomas Lawrence

Com. Council.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Israel Pemberton
- John Cadwallader
- Edward Roberts
- George Claypoole
- John Warder
- John Jones
- Thomas Tresse
- George ffitzwater
- Joseph Buckley
- Samuel Carpenter
- Edward Owen
- Daniel Radley
- Ralph Assheton

The Council proceeded to Elect a Recorder for this City, in the room of Robert Assheton, Esq^{r}, decd, And Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, was Elected recorder of the sd City, Nemine Contradicente.

Alderman Griffitts & George Claypoole are Deaird to Acquaint Andrew Hamilton of his being Chosen Recorder of this City, & that the Mayor will be ready at three a Clock this Afternoon to Qualify him for the sd Office.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] y[e] 26[th] June 1727.

Present

Charles Read, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffitts
- Evan Owen

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcoke
- Nehemiah Allen
- John Warder
- George ffitzwater
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- Israel Pemberton
- John Cadwallader
- Robert Ellis
- Joseph Buckley
- Edw[d] Owen
- Ralph Assheton

The persons appointed to revise the Several Ordinances of this City in order to have the same made publick & printed, having done Nothing therein, The Board proceeded to Consider of them.

An Ordinance for the better Ascertaining & Establishing the Privilidges & Advantages of the ffreemen of this City, being read & put to the Vote whether the Same Shoud be Laid Aside, it was the Opinion of this Board that the Examinacon of the same shoud be at present Suspended.

An Ordinance for the Compelling Masters of Vessels & Others using the Publick Wharfs of this City, to pay Wharfage towards the repair & support thereof, was read & Considered, & it was the Opinion of the Board that an additional Clause be made in relation to Dockage, & that the sd Ordinance be revised.

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An Ordinance for the better regulating the Streets & Watercourses of the built part of the City of Philadelphia, & for the Pitching & Paving the same, was read & Considered, and it is Ordered that upon revisal of the Same Some person be appointed to receive the rents due from the Owners of the Pumps, & also an Additional Clause be made for the better Securing the Money Due to the Proprietors of the sd pumps from Such psons as Use the Same.

Ordered that the Regulators of this City Give Notice to Such psons as have not Complyd with the Ordinance for regulating this City, that they Immediately Comply with the Same or they will proceed ag^{t} as the sd Ordinance directs.

Ordered that there be an Additional Clause for the Ordinance for the better Securing the new pavements of this City, to prevent persons hanging their horses on the Posts & Shoeing them on the sd pavements within the Posts.

Ordered that the Ordinances following be revised, Viz^{t}: An Ordinance for the better preserving the Pavements of the Streets of this City, An ordinance for the Cording & Measuring of ffire Wood, An ordinance for the Prevention of Carters buying up & Ingrossing of ffire Wood.

The Persons Appointed to get the Stack of Chimneys in the house fformerly Thomas Emleys Pulld Down, Now report that the sd Stack of Chimneys are pulld Down pursuant to the Order of this Board.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 17th July 1727.

Present

Charles Read, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Isaac Norris
- James Logan
- William Carter
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Evan Owen

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcoke
- Edward Roberts
- George Claypool
- John Jones
- Peter Stretch
- George ffitzwater
- Robert Ellis
- Daniel Radley
- Thomas Tresse
- Ralph Assheton

The Committee for Settling the City Accots with John Leech, Anne Roberts, Ex Ex of Owen Roberts, & Owen Owen, present Sherif, Thomas Masters & Joseph Turner, are Desird to Finish the Same by the Next Council, & John Jones is Added to Assist the sd Comittee.

The Peticon of David Evans, skinner, William Low, John Butler & Ralph Harper were read, Setting fforth that they were ffined ffive pounds each at the last Court of Record held for this City, for keeping Publick houses without Lycence, Prayd this Board to remit the sd ffine; the Board taking the sd Peticons into Consideracon do reject them.

The Peticons of Jacob Vernon & Thomas Budd were read, Setting forth that they were fined ffive pounds each at the Last Court of record held for this City, for keeping a Publick house without Lycence, Craved that this Board would remit the sd ffine; the

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Court taking the sd peticons & Circumstances of the persons into Consideracon, Do remit one half of the sd ffine.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 25th Septemb^{r} 1727.

Present

Charles Read, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Isaac Norris
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- William Hudson
- Samuel Preston
- Thomas Griffitts
- Thomas Lawrence
- Clement Plumsted

Com. Council.
- Henry Badcock
- Nehemiah Allen
- Anthony Morris
- Israel Pemberton
- George Claypoole
- John Cadwallader
- Edward Roberts
- George ffitzwater
- John Warder
- John Jones
- Samuel Carpenter
- Robert Ellis
- Edward Owen
- Ralph Assheton

The Board, pursuant to the Powers Vested in this Corporation by Charter, Proceeded to Nominate a Person to keep the fferry from this City to the Publick Landing in the Jerseys Opposite to the sd City, & Silvanus Smout is Nominated & Appointed fferryman, Who is to have a Lease for one Year, & take the Customary rates for fferryage.

William Chancellor Applying to this Board for the Sum of Thirteen pounds ten Shillings, due to him for making the fflagg

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Presented the Govern[r] by this Corporation, the Mayor is Desird to pay him for the same out of the Moneys in his hands belonging to this Corporacon.

At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] y[e] 3[d] Octob[r] A[o] 1727.

Present

Charles Read, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew hamilton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Richard Hill
- Isaac Norris
- James Logan
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- William ffishbourn
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Thomas Lawrence

Com. Council.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Henry fflower
- Anthony Morris
- Israel Pemberton
- George Claypool
- George ffitzwater
- John Jones
- Edward Roberts
- John Cadwallader
- Peter Stretch
- Samuel Carpenter
- Robert Ellis
- Daniel Radley
- Edward Owen
- Ralph Assheton

The Board, pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, And Alderman Lawrence is Elected by a Majority of Votes.

Alderman Griffitts & Edward Roberts, were Appointed to wait on the Govern[r] to Acquaint him of the sd Election, & know his

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pleasure when this Board shoud wait on him to Present the Mayor Elect to be Qualified.

Alderman Griffitts & Edward Roberts returned, & acquainted that the Governour woud receive the Board in half an hour.

Edward Roberts is Elected an Alderman of this by a Majority of Votes.

William Allen, Thomas Masters, Andrew Bradford, Isaac Norris, junr., Alexander Woodroppe & henry hodge, are Elected Comon Council Men of this City.

At a Comon Council at Philad^{a} y^{e} 6th ffeb^{ry} 1727.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- William hudson
- William ffishbourn
- CleMent Plumsted
- Charles Read
- Thomas Griffitts

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- George Claypoole
- Edward Roberts
- John Cadwallader
- George ffitzwater
- Isaac Norris, junr
- Henry hodge
- Andrew Bradford
- Daniel Radley
- Ralph Assheton
- Thomas Masters
- Edward Owen
- Samuel Carpenter

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Richard Armit is now Appointed Wharfinger of the Publick Wharfs of this City.

Ralph Asheton, now delivered to this Board the Charter of this City, together a Copy in y^e^ old Book of Ordinances, which were in the Late recorders Custody, Which are now delivered by this Board into y^e^ hands of the Present Recorder.

John Bennet peticoning that a ffine of ffifty pounds Set upon him at a Court of Record held in Jan^ry^ last may be remitted him, he having not wherewith to make Satisfacon, the Board taking the Peticoners circumstances into Consideracon to prevent his perishing in y^e^ Goal, do order the Treasurer of this City to take the s^d^ peticoners Obligacon for the Same.

Elizabeth Edwards, peticoning that a fine of ffive pounds, Set upon her at a Court of Record in this City, for her keeping a publick house without Lycence, may be remitted, the Board taking her peticon & Circumstances into Consideration, do remitt the s^d^ ffine.

Sarah Poulson, peticoning that a fine of Two pounds Seven Shillings & Six pence was Imposed on her at a Court of Record, for receiving of Stolen Goods, & she having not wherewith to make Satisfacon, & must inevitably perish in y^e^ Goal without y^e^ assistance of this Board, the Board taking her condition into Consideracon, by reason of her Extreme Poverty, do remitt the s^d^ ffine.

John hawkins, Peticoning that a ffine of One hundred pounds, Set upon him at a Court of Record of this City for Counterfeiting a Bill of Credit of this Province, may be remitted, he having not Wherewith to make Satisfacon, The Board taking the Circumstances of the s^d^ peticoner into consideration, do order the Treasurer of this City to take the s^d^ peticoners Bond for the same, payable immediately.

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The Several peticons of Mary Davis, Ralph Harper, Given harry & Samuel Ring, were Read, Setting forth that they were ffined at a Court of Record of this City, for keeping a Publick house without Lycence in y^e^ Sum of ffive pounds, & humbly craved a remittance of their respective ffines, The Board taking the Several peticons into Consideracon, Do reject them.

A Motion being made that fflag Staff should be Erected on Society hill, the old one being Rotten & taken down, & there being a Necessity for y^e^ same to be done immediately, Ordered that one be provided upon this Emergencie at the Charge of the Corporacon, And that as it is conceived that the same ought to be a public charge, that proper application be made to have the s^d^ Charge with that of the fflag reimbursed to y^e^ Corporacon, Alderman Plumsted, Alderman Read & George ffitzwater, are desired to See y^e^ same done.

At a Comon Council held at philadelphia 22^d^ March 1727.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^r^, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^r^, Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- William Hudson
- Charles Read

Com. Council.
- Nehemiah Allen
- peter Stretch
- George Claypool
- John Warder
- Edward Owen
- Henry Hodge
- Thomas Masters
- Isaac Norris
- Ralph Assheton
- Andrew Bradford

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Upon the petition of Lawrence Wolverston and John Hawkins, Setting fforth that Sometime ago this Board was pleased to take their respective Bonds for a ffine of One Hundred pounds putt upon them for Uttering Counterfeit Bills, that they yet remain in Goal, having not wherewith to pay the Court charges, Craved that this Board woud take their Conditions into Consideracon, and order their Enlargement. The Board taking the said petisons into Consideracon, was of Opinion that whereas upon a fformer application of the petisoners, the Corporacon had taken their Bonds with Interest for their ffines, the prisoners should be Discharged, and they now Remaining in prison only for the fees & prison Charges, the Sheriff is ordered to take Notice that they have remained ever Since the taking the said Bond at his Cost, this Board having Discharged them.

Upon the peticon of William Bidle, Goal keeper, Setting fforth that he had been at a Considerable Charge and Expence in Maintaining Several prisoners in y^{e} Goal of this City, appearing by an Accompt annext to his said peticon, which prisoners had not wherewith to make him any Satisfaction, and would perish for Want had not he Supplyed them with Sustenance, and Craved that this Board would give him such Allowance as he is intitled to by Law, to witt: Two pence per day, and would also take into Consideration the Addiconall Charge of ffiring which had been a great Expence to him. The Board having taken the said petition into Consideracon are of Opinion that the Charge Exhibited does not properly lye before them, but before the Comm^{rs}, the same being by Law to be paid by the publick, which this Board apprehends to be the publick Stock of this City and County.

Richard Armitt Represented to this Board that many Hucksters in this City buying provisions in the Markett, and often meet the people Coming to Markett at the ends of the Streets and then buy up

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provisions, which might be prevented by appointing an Hour, both Winter and Summer, for the Ringing the Bell. The Board took the Same into Consideracon, and Ordered that an Ordinance of this City should be fforthwith putt in Execution and published for Suppressing the said practice.

At a Common Councill at philadelphia the 16th May 1728.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- William Hudson
- Clement plumsted
- Charles Read
- Thomas Griffiths

Com. Councill.
- Henry Badcocke
- Peter Stretch
- Geo: Claypool
- Edward Roberts
- John Cadwallader
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Edward Owen
- George ffitzwater
- Samuel Carpenter
- Isaac Norris, Junr
- William Allen
- Daniel Radley
- Ralph Assheton
- Andrew Bradford

The Board having heard that a Lottery was Intended to be Erected by Samuel Keimer in this City, during this present ffair, he having sett fforth severall printed papers for that purpose, the

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Board sent for the said Keimer, who Came and having heard what he had to say in behalf of the said Lottery, Ordered that no Lottery be kept during the said ffair.

At a Comon Council held at Philadelphia 20th July Ao 1728.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recorder
William Carter, William Hudson, Charles Read — Aldermen

Nehemiah Allen, Peter Stretch, John Warder, John Jones, Edward Owen, Robert Ellis, George Claypool, Ralph Assheton, Henry Hodge, Andrew Bradford — Com. Council.

Upon the peticon of Thomas Budd, Setting fforth that he was affined the Sume of ffive pounds, at the last Court of Record held for this City, for Comitting an Assault and Battery on Richard Brockden, praying this Board would take his Circumstances into Consideracon, and Remitt the said ffine, or Some part thereof, The Board having taken the said peticon into Consideracon, Do Remitt ffifty Shillings of the said ffive pounds.

Upon the petition of Thomas Lassell, Setting fforth that he was ffined the Sume of ffive pounds at the last Court of Record, held for this City, for Comitting an Assault and Battery on Isaac Bolton, praying this Board would take his Circumstances into Consideracon

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and Remitt the said ffine, or Some part thereof, The Board having taken the said petition into Consideracon, Do Remitt ffour pounds of the said ffive pounds.

Upon the petition of Edward Holland, Setting fforth that he was Indicted and ffined the Sume of ffive pounds at the last Court of Record held for this City, for Comitting an Assault and Battery on the Body of Isaac Bolton, and that the said pete^{r} being a poor Servant, and not able to make Satisfaction for the said ffine, prays this Board would be pleased to Remitt the said ffine, The Board having taken the said petition into Consideration, Do Remitt fforty Shillings of the said ffive pounds.

Upon the petition of Jacob Shute, Setting fforth That he was ffined the Sume of Ten Marks for Comitting an Assault and Battery on William Johnson at the last Court of Record, held for City, praying the Board would take his Circumstances into Consideracon and Remitt the said ffine, or Some part thereof, The Board having taken the said peticon into Consideracon, Do remitt ffive Marks of the said Ten Marks.

Upon the petition of John Brooks and Thomas Coates, Setting fforth that they were each of them bound in a Recognizance in the Sum of Ten pounds for the good behaviour and appearance of John Ryall, at the last Court of Record, held for this City. That they severall times attended the said Court in order to be discharged, and were unfortunately absent at the time of calling the said Recognizance, whereby the same became fforfeited, praying that this Board would be pleased to take the prem'es into Consideracon, and grant them Relief by Remitting the said sum of Ten pounds, fforfeited as aforesaid. The Board having taken the said peticon into Consideration, Do Remitt the said Sum of Ten pounds, accordingly.

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The petition of John Brooks and John Harrison, Setting fforth That they were each bound in a Recognizance in the Sum of Ten pounds for the good Behaviour and Appearance of one John George, at the last Court of Record held for this City, That they severall times attended the said Court in order to be Discharged, and were Unfortunately Absent at the time of Calling the said Recognizance, whereby the Same became fforfeited, praying That this Board would be pleased to take premes into Consideration, and grant them Relief, by Remitting the said Sum of Ten pounds, fforfeited as aforesaid, The Board having taken the said peticon into Consideracon, Do Remitt the Said Sum of Ten pounds, accordingly.

At a Common Council held at Philad[a] 24[th] July A[o] 1728.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Recorder
William Carter, Clement Plumsted, Thomas Griffitts — Aldermen

Israel pemberton, Anthony Morris, Edward Roberts, peter Stretch, John Cadwallader, Rob[t] Ellis, Daniel Radley, Henry Hodge, Ralph Asheton, Andrew Bradford — Comon Councill.

It Appearing to this Board that John Leech is Indebted to this Corporacon in a Considerable Sume of Money for Ten Years Rent of his Stall, on the ground under the Court house, ending the ffour-

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teenth day of this Instant, July, and he having been Severall times Required to Settle the Same with this Corporacon, has Neglected to make any Settlement thereof, It is Therefore Ordered That the said John Leech, for Recovery of the Said money, be proceeded against as the Law Directs.

At a Comon Council held at philad[a] the 2[d] day of Octob 1728.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Recorder

Aldermen.
- Rich[d] Hill
- W[m] Carter
- Sam[l] preston
- W[m] Hudson
- Charles Read
- Thomas Griffitts

Com. Council Men.
- Henry Badcoke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Israel pemberton
- Edw[d] Roberts
- peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Geo Claypool
- Geo ffitzwater
- John Cadwallader
- Ant[o] Morris
- Dan[l] Radley
- Henry Hodge
- John Jones
- Thomas Masters
- Ralph Assheton

The Board, purs[t] to the Business of the Day, proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing year, and the present Mayor was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

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Sam[l] Hasell and Thomas Chase, were Elected Comon Council Men of this City, and then the Corporacon waited upon the Govern[r] to present the Mayor Elect, to be Qualifyed.

At a Comon Council held at philad[a] the 7[th] July A[o] 1729.

present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq[r], Mayor
And[w] Hamilton, Esq[r], Recorder
W[m] Carter
W[m] ffishbourn
Thomas Griffitts
} Aldren.

Nehemiah Allen
Peter Stretch
Anthony Morris
John Cadwalader
John Warder
Geo Claypool
Dan[l] Radley
Henry Hodge
Tho[s] Masters
Ralph Assheton
John Jones
Israel Pemberton
Sam[l] Hasel
Tho[s] Chase
} Com. Council Men.

Sam[l] Hasel & Tho[s] Chase were now Qualifyed as Comon Council Men of this City.

Upon the peticon of Thomas Pierson, Setting forth That he was ffined at a Court of Record of this City, in the sum of five pounds Ten Shillings, for which he has remained in prison above 10 Months, prayed that this board would be pleased to take his peticon into Consideracon & Remitt the said fine, the board having Consi-

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dered the Circumstances of the s[d] peticoner, do Remitt the said ffine on Condition that he Immediately be sent out of this province.

Upon the petition of ffrances Savage, Setting forth that she now Remains in prison for a ffine of Thirty pounds Seven Shillings, imposed on her at a Court of Record of this City, for Stealing Goods of that Value from W[m] ffrasier, the Board taking the Circumstances of the peticoner into Consideracon, do Remitt the said ffine on Condicon she do Immediately depart this province.

Upon the peticon of W[m] Harris, Setting forth that he was ffin'd the Sume of ffive pounds, last April Sessions, for keeping a publick house without Lycence, and not having wherewith to Satify the said ffine, prayed that this Board would Remitt the Same, the Board having taken the s[d] peticon into Considerac on do Remitt the Sume of ffifty Shillings.

Ordered that the Town Clerk p secute John Leech for the mony due from him to this Corporacon, for Stall Rents under the Court house.

Ordered that the City Treasurer pay to George Claypool [the order of Eliz[th] Hill] the Sume of Eleven pounds ffour Shillings out of the Sume of Twenty Seven pounds Ten Shillings, that appears due to her from the Corporacon for House-Room, ffire and Candle for the Watch of this City, as p her Acc[t] Settled by the Comittee of Acco[ts] to the 15[th] Nov[r] last.

Ordered That the City Treasurer pay to Anthony Morris the Sum of Sixteen pounds Six Shillings, the balance of Acc[ot] due to Eliz[th] Hill, he having produced an order from the said Elizabeth Hill for the Same.

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At a Comon Council held at philad[a] the 21[st] July 1729.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Recorder
William Carter
William ffishbourn
William Hudson
Clement plumsted
} Aldermen.

Israel pemberton
peter Stretch
John Warder
Edward Roberts
Isaac Norris
John Cadwallader
Sam[l] Hasel
Thomas Chase
Ralph Assheton
John Jones
Geo: ffitzwater
} Comon Council Men.

George Claypool having offered this Board to keep the ffire Engine in good Repair, and play the Same every month for the Sume of Three pounds per annum, This Board agrees to pay him the s[d] Sum out of the publick Stock of this Corporacon.

Alderman plumsted, Geo ffitzwater and Israel pemberton are appointed to View Markett Street Wharf, Mulberry Street Wharf, and the Bank overag[t] Jones's buildings in the ffront Street & make an Estimate of the Charge to Repair the Same, and Report the next Council, & that they also View the middle of Second Street, by John Dilwyns, & make report of the condicon thereof, that Some measures may be taken to get the same repaired.

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At a Comon Council held at philad^{a} the 4th day of Aug^{t} 1729.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
William Carter
William Hudson
Thomas Griffiths
} Aldren.

Israel pemberton
Geo Claypool
Jno Warder
Edw^{d} Roberts
Rob^{t} Ellis
Henry Hodge
Thomas Masters
Thomas Chase
Ralph Assheton
Isaac Norris, jun^{r}
peter Stretch
} Comon Council men.

Ordered That the persons appointed the last Council to View the Middle of Second Street by John Dilwyns give Notice to the Inhabitants and Owners of the Lotts near the place, that wants repairing, that they immediately Conform to the regulacon, and get the said place repaired, or proper measures will be taken to repair the Same at their Cost.

James Barrett applying to this Board for satisfaction for Twelve New Leather Bucketts that were taken from him and used at the last ffire in Chesnutt Street, the Board in Consideration of the s^{d} James Barrett's Circumstances, Do Order the Treasurer to pay the said Barrett the Sume of Six pounds for the Same, and that he deliver Eleven of the said Bucketts to the Mayor, one of them being lost at the said ffire.

Ordered That Richard Armitt Collect the Money for Chimney ffiring in this City, and that he be allowed ffive p ct for the Same,

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and George Claypool, desiring that this Board would acquitt him of his agreem[t] with them about playing the ffire-Engine of this City, and that Richard Armitt may be appointed in his Room, who is willing to undertake the Same upon the Same Terms. It is also Order'd that the said Richard Armitt be in the place of the said George Claypool, Concerning the said ffire Engine, and upon the Same Terms.

At a Comon Council held at philad[a] the 7[th] October 1729.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Recorder

Aldren.
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- Samuel preston
- Clement plumsted
- Charles Read
- William Hudson
- Thomas Griffitts

Com. Council Men.
- Henry Badcocke
- Israel pemberton
- Nehemiah Allen
- Geo: Claypool
- peter Stretch
- Edw[d] Roberts
- Geo: ffitzwater
- John Jones
- John Cadwallader
- Sam[l] Carpenter
- Rob[t] Ellis
- Isaac Norris
- Sam[l] Hasel
- Tho[s] Chase
- Tho[s] Masters
- Ralph Assheton

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The Board, pursuant to the Buisness of the day, proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, and Alderman Griffitts is Elected Nemine Contradicente.

Samuel Hasel, John Jones, George ffitzwater and George Claypool are Elected Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes.

Peter Lloyd, Samuel Powell, William Atwood and Joseph Turner, are now Elected Comon Council Men for this City by a Majority of Votes.

The Keeping of a Tavern in the prison being under Consideracon of this Board, they are of opinion that the Same is a great Nusance and ought to be Suppressed, and that the Removal thereof be Recomended to the Magistracy.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 1st day of Dec^{r} 1729.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldrmn.:
- W^{m} Carter
- W^{m} ffishbourn
- Clement Plumsted
- W^{m} Hudson
- Thomas Lawrence

Comon Council men.:
- Anthony Morris
- Edward Roberts
- John Warder
- Dan^{l} Radley
- John Cadwallader
- Geo: ffitzwater
- Andrew Bradford
- Joseph Turner
- Ralph Assheton
- Henry Hodge

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Upon the peticon of Isaac Niranda, Setting forth That He was ffined at the last Court of Record held for this City in the Sum of ffifty pounds, and praying that this Board would take his Circumstances into Consideraton and Reduce the Said ffine, The Board having taken the s[d] Isaac Niranda's Circumstances into Consideraton, do Remitt Twenty-five pounds of the said fine of ffifty pounds, he paying the Sume of ffive pounds immediately, & giving his obligacon to the Corporacon for Twenty pounds, payable in one year.

Upon reading the peticons of Arthur Oliver, Moses Hughes and Elizabeth Upton, Setting fforth That they were ffined at the last Court of Record held for this City, in the sume of ffive pounds each for selling Liquors by less Quantities than one Quart, & Craving this Board would Remitt the said ffine, or some part thereof, The Board took the said peticons into Consideracon and Rejected them.

Upon the peticon of John Williams, Setting fforth that he was ffined the sum of five pounds at the last Court of Record held for this City, for Selling Rum in less Quantity than one Quart, prayed this Board would take his Circumstances into Consideracon and Remitt the said ffine, or some part thereof, The Board taking the said peticon into Consideracon, Do Remitt ffourty Shillings of the said ffine of ffive pounds.

Upon the peticon of Eliz[th] Annis, Setting fforth that she was ffined the last Court of Record held for this City, in the Sume of ffive pounds, for selling Rum by less Quantity than one Quart, prayed this Board would take her Circumstances into Consideracon and Remitt the said ffine, or Some part thereof, The Board taking the said peticon into Consideration, Do Remitt Twenty Shillings of the said ffine of ffive pounds.

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At a Comon Council held at Philadelphia the 29th Decr 1729.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esqr, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recorder

Aldren.
- William ffishbourn
- Clement Plumsted
- William Hudson
- Thos Lawrence
- Saml Hasel

Com. Council Men.
- Geo: Claypool
- Geo: ffitzwater
- John Jones
- John Cadwallader
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Danl Radley
- Robt Ellis
- Andrew Bradford
- Wm Allen
- Henry Hodge
- Peter Lloyd
- Isaac Norris, junr
- Joseph Turner

Upon the peticon of Jacob Shoemaker, proposing to take the Potters ffeild in this City, the sd peticon is left to further Consideracon, and Alderman Lawrence and George Claypool are appointed to get fformer Lease from Ralph Assheton, and bring it to the Next Council.

Alderman Hudson, Alderman Lawrence and George Claypool, are appointed to make enquiry into the State of the Corporacon Accompts with the Loan Office, and to fform an acct of the Several Quotas paid into the said office, and how much Remains, and make Report to the Next Comon Council.

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There being a General Complaint of the Irregular Methods of Selling Merchandize at Publick Vendue in this City, and it being unanimously agreed by the Board, that application be made to the Assembly, next Sitting, for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the said Vendues, the Recorder is now requested to prepare a Bill for that purpose, for the drawing of which this Board agrees to make him due Satisfaction.

The Building of a New Markett house being now under Consideracon, it is referred to be Debated the next Comon Council, with Intent, then to determine that Matter, and the members now present, are desired to come prepared to speak their Minds fully on the Case.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 5th day of Jan^{ry} 1729.

Present

Tho^{s} Griffitts, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldren.
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- Clement Plumsted
- William Hudson
- Sam^{l} Hasel

Com. Council Men.
- Henry Badcoke
- Peter Stretch
- Geo: Claypool
- Geo. ffitzwater
- John Jones
- Edward Roberts
- John Cadwallader
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Andrew Bradford
- W^{m} Allen
- Henry Hodge
- Tho Tresse
- Anthony Morris
- Peter Lloyd
- Tho^{s} Chase
- Tho^{s} Masters

Alderman Hudson, Aldran Plumsted and George Claypool, are desird to apply to the Representatives of Joshua Carpenter, and let them know that this Board Expects a Compliance with the Conditions of the Lease of the Potter's ffieild, and to View the premes and Report its present Circumstance & what Repairs are necessary, and also to treat with Jacob Shoemaker, on what Terms he will take a Lease of it, and Report their proceedure to the next Council, and to let him know that this Corporacon do not Incline to Let it for more than three Years.

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Whereas, Alderman Hudson, Alderman Lawrence and George Claypool, were appointed the last Council to make Enquiry into the State of the Corporacon acct^s with the Loan Office, and to fform an Acc^t of the Severall Quotas paid into the said office and how much Remains, and make Report to this Council, Which they have not as Yet done, The said appointment is now Continued, and that the Persons so Appointed make Report of their proceedings the next Comon Council.

The Board having now Assumed the Consideracon of Building a Number of New Markett Stalls for the accomodacon of such as bring provisons from the Jerseys as well as our own Inhabitants having Occasion to buy, It is Agreed by a Majority of this Board, that twenty Stalls shall be Erected between the Court house and the River, to begin One Hundred ffeet Eastward from the Stairs of the Court house. The Mayor, Recorder, George Claypool, Peter Lloyd and Sam^l Powell, are appointed to Consider of a proper Modell and Dimension for the said Stalls and bring the same to the next Council.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 27[th] April 1730.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldren.
- William Carter
- Clement Plumsted
- William Hudson
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Hasel

Com. Council Men.
- Anthony Morris
- John Jones
- Edward Roberts
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- William Attwood
- Alex[r] Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- Joseph Turner
- Isaac Norris, Jun[r]

The Board mett in order to Conder of proper Measures to procure Engines, Bucketts, and other Instruments for Extinguishing ffire, and the Assessors of this City were sent for in order to Conferr with this Board about raising a Tax for purchasing the same, and upon a Mature Consideracon, It was the unanimous Opinion of this Board and the said Assesors, that should be raised for the pchasing Two Engines, ffour hundred Bucketts, Twenty Ladders and Twenty ffire-hooks. And in order to Ease the Inhabitants of this City in the Tax Intended to be Raised, it was proposed That a Subscription might be made and a Considerable Sum of Money Collected towards defraying the said Charge, and an Instrument for Subscription was Imediately prepared, and several of the Board Subscribed, and it was Recomended to Some of the members of the Board that they would do their Endeavours to get as many Subscriptons from the Inhabitants of this City as they could before the Meeting of the next Council, which is appointed to be held

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on Wednesday next, At which time the said Assessors agreed to meet this Board in order to Consider ffurther about raising the said Tax in order to defray the Charge of the pchase aforesaid, &c.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 29th April 1730.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldren.
- William Carter
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Hasel

Com. Council men.
- George Claypool
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- George ffitzwater
- Thomas Masters
- William Allen
- Peter Lloyd
- Joseph Turner
- Ralph Assheton
- Thomas Chace
- Andrew Bradford
- William Attwood

The Board mett with the Assessors of this City, in pursuance of the last appointm^{t}, to Consider further about purchasing the Engines, Ladders, Bucketts and Hooks, for Extinguishing ffire, and it is now agreed that Three Engines be purchased, one of the Value of about ffifty pounds, one at Thirty-ffive pounds, and the other about Twenty pounds, and Two Hundred leather Bucketts, and sent for to England, and that two hundred Bucketts, Twenty Ladders, and Twenty-ffire Hooks, with axes, be purchased here, and that a Tax of Two pence per pound and Eight Shillings per head be Imediately assessed on the Inhabitants of this City for purchasing the said Engines Bucketts, Ladders, &c.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 10[th] Aug[t] 1730.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Recorder

Aldren.
- William Hudson
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Hasel
- George ffitzwater
- George Claypool
- Clement Plumsted

Comon Council men.
- Henry Badcoke
- Anthony Morris
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- John Jones
- Dan[l] Radley
- Peter Lloyd
- Henry Hodge
- William Allen
- Ralph Assheton
- Israel Pemberton
- Joseph Turner
- Edward Roberts

The Board having taken into Consideraton the Butchers Killing of Meat in the Markett Stalls, which proves a great nusance to the Inhabitants of this City. It is the unanimous opinion of this Board that an Ordinance be drawn to prevent the same for the ffuture, and the Recorder is desired to prepare the same, in order to Lay it before the next Council.

The Wharf at the End of High Street being very much out of Repair, It is ordered that the same be ffforthwith repaired, and that the said Wharf be Carried out Sixty ffoot with Loggs from the extent it now is, and Alderman ffitzwater and Joseph Turner, are appointed to agree with Workmen and get the same Repaired with all Convent Speed.

The Mayor Acquainted the Board that he had Treated with Sylvanus Smout about Repairing the Wharf at the End of Sassafras

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Street, and that the said Smout will undertake to make the said Wharf for the sum of Twenty Pounds, and the Mayor and Aldren Hasel are desired to Article with the said Smout for making the said Wharf and see that the same be ffinished as soon as possible.

Several of the Inhabitants of this City applying to this Board for their Authority to fforbid Joiners and Carpenters throwing Shavings and other Combustable Matter in the Streets, and burning the same in large Heaps, which Very much Incommodes them, & is likewise Very Dangerous, The Wind blowing the ffire about the houses, the Board having taken the same into Consideraton, are Unanimously Agreed that an Ordinance be fforthwith prepared to prevent their Laying the said Shavings or Rubbish in any Streets or Ally, or Setting ffire to the Same, within One Hundred Yards of any House in this City.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} 16th Sep^{r} 1730.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq, Recorder

Aldren.
- William Hudson
- Clement Plumsted
- Charles Read
- William Carter
- George Claypool

Com. Council men.
- John Jones
- John Cadwallader
- Peter Stretch
- Henry Hodge
- Thomas Masters
- Joseph Turner
- Ralph Assheton
- Andrew Bradford
- Edward Roberts
- Daniel Radley

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It is Ordered by this Board, That the Vendue Master for the time being do not Sell any Goods at Vendue under the Value of ffifty Shillings in one Lot, Except Wearing Apparell or Second hand Goods, and Except as in the Law for Regulating Vendues, is Excepted.

Upon the peticons of Eleanor Sharpless and Mary Ivory, Setting forth that they Were Convicted last April Sessions of a Crime, for which they were ffined ffive pounds each, that they have been in prison ever since, in a Miserable Condition, and have not wherewith to Satisfy the said ffines, The Board taking their Circumstances into Consideracon, Do order that the said Eleanor and Mary be discharged upon their Giving Bond to the Treasurer of the Corporacon for said ffine, and paying the Costs of prosecucon, and Imediately departing the City.

Upon the peticons of Deborah Edmunds and Elizabeth Williams, peticoning that they may be discharged from the Work house, where they have been a long time Confined, and Nothing to Subsist upon but the usual Allowance, praying that the Board would order them to be discharged thence, The Board having taken their Circumstances into Consideracon, Do order the keeper of the Work house to discharge them, they Imediately departing the City.

Upon the peticons of Charles Gallahan and John Sheldmadine, Setting fforth that they were ffined ffifty pounds each, at a Court of Record for this City, for which they have Lain a Considerable time in Goal, not being able to pay the same, praying that this Board Remitt the said ffine. The Board taking their Circumstances into Consideraton, do order that they be discharged upon their giving Bond to the Treasurer for the ffines, and Satisfying the Costs of prosecuton, and Imediately Departing this City.

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John Davis peticoning that a ffine of ffive pounds, set on him last April Sessions, [for which he has Lain in Goal ever since] may be Remitted him, he not being able to pay the Same. The Board taking his Circumstances into Consideracon, Do order that the said John Davis be discharged, upon his giving Bond to the Treasurer and paying the Costs of prosecuton, and Imediately departing this City.

James White peticoning that a ffine of ffive pounds set on him for keeping a publick house without Licence may be Remitted, he not being able to pay the Same, the Board having taken his Circumstances into Consideraton, Do order that he be discharged the prison upon his giving bond to the Treasurer and paying the Costs of prosecution.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 28[th] Sep[r] 1730.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq, Recorder

Aldren.
- William Carter
- William ffishbourn
- William Hudson
- Clement Plumsted
- Samuel Hasel
- George ffitzwater
- George Claypool

Com. Council Men.
- Henry Badcock
- Nehemiah Allen
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Israel Pemberton
- Henry Hodge
- Thomas Masters
- Samuel Carpenter
- William Allen
- Joseph Turner
- William Attwood
- Peter Lloyd
- Robert Ellis
- Ralph Assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Thomas Chace

Patrick Baird, the Vendue Master, now Attended this Board to Agree with them for the Rent of his Standing in the North West Corner of the Court house to Vendue Goods, And he now Agrees with this Board to pay the Sum of Eight pounds per ann, in ffour Quarterly payments, and the Rent to Begin the day of Last.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 6th day of October 1730.

Present

Tho^{s} Griffitts, Esq, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq, Recorder

Aldren.
- W^{m} Hudson
- W^{m} ffishbourn
- Clement Plumsted
- Charles Read
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Hasel
- Geo: ffitzwater
- Geo: Claypool

Com. Councilmen.
- Henry Badcoke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Edward Roberts
- John Jones
- John Cadwallader
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Thomas Tresse
- Henry Hodge
- Alex^{r} Woodroppe
- Tho^{s} Masters
- W^{m} Allen
- Joseph Turner
- Isaac Norris, jun^{r}
- Thomas Chace
- Peter Lloyd
- Ralph Assheton
- Samuel Carpenter
- Israel Pemberton

The Board, pursuant to the Business of the Day, proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing year, and the present Mayor is again Elected by a Majority of Votes.

William Allen and Isaac Norris, jun, are now Elected Aldren of this City by a Majority of Votes.

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James Stool, George Emlin, Abraham Taylor, Samuel Powell, jun^{r} George Mifflin and John White are Elected Comon Council men of this City, And the Council waited upon the Governour to present the Mayor to be qualified.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 12th day of Oct^{r} 1730.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq, Recorder

Aldren.
- William Hudson
- William ffishbourne
- Clement Plumsted
- Charles Read
- George Claypool
- William Allen

Com. Coun^{l}.
- Henry Badcocke
- Nehemiah Allen
- Edward Roberts
- John Jones
- Daniel Radley
- Henry Hodge
- Abraham Taylor
- George Emlin
- John White
- George Mifflin
- Ralph Assheton
- John Cadwalader

The Mayor and Aldren Hasel Acquainted this Board that pursuant to an Order of this Board, of the Tenth of August last, They Endeavoured to Article with Sylvanus Smout, for Building the Wharf at the End of Sasafrax Street, But that the said Sylvanus Smout having lately had a ffitt of Sickness, Declined Building the same, That they had Since agreed with one John Bater for Building the same, Six ffoot further in the River, for the Sum of Twenty

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ffive pounds, and Laid before this Board their Agreem^{t} and Draughts for said Wharf, which were approved of.

Thomas Oldman, now producing to this Board a Leathern ffire Buckett for a Sample, the same is approved off, and the Board now agree with him to pay him nine Shillings for every Buckett, to the Number of One hundred, provided they are equally good with the Sample he now offers, and well painted with oil Colours.

The Sume of One Thousand pounds, lately Granted by the Assembly to the Corporacon of this City, for the Building Alms houses, is now brought in, and Tendered by the Trustees of the General Loan Office, and the Mayor, in Behalf of the Corporacon, Signed the Bond and affixt the Comon Seal as directed by the Act of Assembly. And it is now Agreed by this Board, That the monies shall Remain in the hands of the Mayor, Alderman Plumsted and James Steel, each one third part, Who are desired to fix upon Some proper place to Erect the said Alms house, and Draw a Model and Calculate the Charge thereof, and Lay the same before the next Council for their Approbation.

Edward Nicholls now applying to the Board for Leave to make a Vault before his house at a Corner of Chesnutt Street, the Board upon the said Applicaton, do allow the said Edward Nichols to make a Vault, paying Twelve pence per ann, as a Rent or Acknowledgm^{t} to the Corporacon.

It appearing to the Board that the Money Subscribed by the Inhabit^{s} of this City, for purchasing ffire Engines, Bucketts, &^{c}, is not wholly Collected, It is Ordered That Alderman ffitzwater, in whose hands the said Subscriptions are now Lodged, do Lay the Same before the next Council.

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Israel Norris and Daniel Radley are desired to get the Comon Shore, near the Bridge in Second Street, Imediately Repaired, and Lay the Charge thereof before the next Council.

Upon the Peticon of John Leech, Setting forth that he had Rented one of the Corners under the Court house, from this Board, for Ten pounds per Ann, that while he Rented the Same, he had not Quiet Possession, being often Interrupted by the Clerks of the Markett, That he had Confesst Judgment for Seventy Seven pounds Ten Shillings, being the Arrears of Rent due, Upon Expectacon that this Board would make a Reasonable Abatement. The Board taking the said peticon into Consideracon, do appoint Alderman Plumsted and Will^m Attwood to make such Terms as they shall think Reasonable, and make Report thereof to the next Council.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 4[th] Janry 1730.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Recorder

Aldren.
- William ffishbourne
- Isaac Norris
- Clement Plumsted
- Samuel Hasel
- George ffitzwater
- Isaac Norris, Jun[r]
- William Allen

Com. Council.
- Anthony Morris
- John Warder
- Peter Stretch
- Israel Pemberton
- W[m] Attwood
- Thomas Masters
- John White
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- Ralph Assheton
- Thomas Chace
- John Jones
- Peter Lloyd
- Joseph Turner
- Edward Roberts
- John Cadwallader

The Mayor acquainted the Board, That the Two ffire Engines and Two hundred and ffifty of the ffire Bucketts which were Sent for to England, are lately brought over, and desired the Board would Consider of proper places, not only to Keep them from the Weather, but also for the Conveniency of Speedily Carrying them upon any Accident of ffire, The Board having taken the same into Consideracon, are of Opinion, That one Corner of the Great Meeting house Yard will be a proper place to Lodge one of the new Engines, the other new Engine at the Corner of ffrancis Jones's Lott, which ffronts the ffront Street and Walnutt Street, and the old Engine, in a Corner of the Baptist Meeting house Yard (if Leave

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can be obtained) and that the Bucketts be hung up in the Court house.

Benjamin Morgan is appointed to take Care of the new Engine to be Lodged in the Corner of the Great Meeting house Yard, Samuel Powell of the other, at the Corner of Jones's Lott, and James Steel of the Old Engine, And if they will accept of the Trouble, they are desired to Erect proper Sheds to keep the said Engines from the Weather, and are to be allowed for their Care, Trouble and Expence therein, out of the publick Money of this City.

Alderman Claypool, one of the persons appointed to Settle the Accounts of this Corporacon being Dead, the Mayor desired that some proper person should be appointed in his Room, and Peter Lloyd is now desired and appointed to Undertake the Settlem^{t} of the said Accounts in his Stead.

Thomas Masters and W^{m} Attwood are now Appointed to Assist George ffitzwater & Richard Armitt in Collecting the Several Subscriptions for purchasing the ffire Engines and Bucketts, etc, and to provide Six Ladders and Two Large and Twelve Small ffire hooks, and Lay the Charge thereof, when ffinished, before this Board.

Aldran Plumsted and W^{m} Attwood, now Report That they had treated with John Leech about the Rent due the Corporacon, and that the sd John Leech is willing to pay the Sum of fforty pounds in discharge of the same. The Board having taken the Same into Consideracon, do agree that upon the said John Leeche's paying the Sume of ffifty pounds and the Costs of Suit, he be discharged from the Debt of Seventy Seven pounds Ten Shillings, due to this Corporacon.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 3[d] day of March 1730.

Present

Thomas Giffitts, Esq[r], Mayor,
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Recorder

Aldren.
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- George ffitzwater
- William Allen

Com. Council Men.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Peter Lloyd
- Abraham Taylor
- Henry Hodge
- James Steel
- George Mifflin
- Ralph Assheton
- Daniel Radley
- William Attwood

The Board having now under Consideracon, a proper place to Build the Alms House of this City, It is Resolved by a Majority of Votes, That the Square or Lott of Ground, formerly in the possion of John Knight, near Society Hill, and now belonging to Aldran Allen, will be a proper place to Erect the Same, and this Board now agree with the said Aldran Allen to pay him for the said Lott, the Sume of Two Hundred pounds, and the Recorder is desired to gett a Sufficient Title made to the Corporacon for the Same.

Upon the peticon of John Heathcoate, Setting forth That he, for Several Months past, has been Confined in prison on Acco[t] of a ffine of Twenty ffive pounds Sett on him in a Court of Record of this City, That it is not in his power at present to make any Satisfaccon for the Same, and humbly Craved this Board would take his Circumstances into Consideracon and Remitt the said ffine. The Board having taken the Said peticon into Consideracon, and the Crime for which the said ffine was made, Do Reject the prayer of the said peticon as to the Remittance of the said ffine, and do order

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that upon the said John Heathcoates' giving Security for the ffine, and paying the Costs of prosecucon, he may be Released.

Upon the peticon of Thomas Eager, Setting forth That he has Layen in Goal nine months on Acc^{t} of a ffine of ffive pounds Sett on him by a Court of Record of this City, That by reason of his low Circumstances, it is not in his power to pay the said ffine, praying this Board to Remitt the Same. The Board having taken the said peticon into Consideracon, Do Remitt the said ffine upon Condition that the said pet^{r} pay the Costs of prosecucon, and Imediately Depart this City.

Upon the peticon of Joshua Emlen, Setting forth That his Serv^{t} Man, Griffith Jones, was Convicted of Attempting a Rape, at a Court of Record, held for this City, and has been a long time Confined in Goal, very much to the Damage of the said pet^{r}, praying this Board would Remitt the said ffine Sett on him by the said Court. The Board taking the peticon into Consideracon, do Remitt the said ffine to Twenty pounds, and on Condicon the said Joshua Emlen will pay the same, and the Costs of prosecucon, and give Security, by Recognizance, in Thirty pounds for his said Servant's good Behaviour, he may be discharged, But if the said Master Refuse so to do, That then the Servant's Bond be taken for the whole ffine, and upon payment of the Costs of prosecucon, the said Servant be Imediately sent out of this province.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 9[th] April 1731.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Recorder

Aldren.
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Clement Plumsted
- Samuel Hasel
- George ffitzwater
- William Allen
- Charles Read

Com. C[l] Men.
- Anthony Morris
- John Warder
- Tho[s] Tresse
- Tho[s] Chace
- William Attwood
- John White
- Andrew Bradford
- John Cadwallader
- Ralph Assheton
- Henry Hodge
- Edward Roberts
- George Mifflin
- George Emlen
- Peter Lloyd

The Vendue Master, now Representing to this Board, That by the late Regulacon, and Limitting him not to Sell any Goods under ffifty Shillings, his Office is made altogether Useless, Most of the Goods brought for Sale, being Returned Unsold. The Board taking the same into Consideracon, Do now Order That the Vendue Master do not Vend any Goods under the Value of Twenty Shillings, Except peices of Linnen, Woollen, Cotton and Callicoes.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 6[th] October A[o] 1731.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Clement Plumsted
- Charles Read
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Hasell
- William Allen
- Isaac Norris, jun[r]
- Geo: ffitzwater

Com. Councill.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- John Jones
- Daniel Radley
- Edw[d] Roberts
- Robert Ellis
- Andrew Bradford
- Thomas Chace
- James Steel
- John White
- Peter Lloyd
- George Mifflin
- Ralph Assheton

The Board, pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, Proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, And Alderman Hasel is now Elected by a Majority of Votes.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 17th April 1732.

Present

Samuel Hasell, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- W^{m} Carter
- W^{m} Hudson
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- George ffitzwater
- Isaac Norris, jun^{r}

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- Anth Morris
- Edw^{d} Roberts
- Alex^{r} Woodroppe
- Thomas Chase
- Jn^{o} Cadwallader
- John Jones
- John Wadaer
- George Emlin
- George Mifflin
- Peter Lloyd
- Ralph Assheton

Aldermen Norris and Daniel Radley now Report that they had repaired the comon Shoar near the Bridge in Second Street, pursuant to the Directions of the Board, & they now Exhibit an Account amounting to Six pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six pence, wch Account is to be laid before the Assessors of this City, at the next meeting.

Some of the Persons appointed to Settle the Accounts of this Corporacon, now report to this Board that they have proceeded to Settle the sd Accounts, but that the only Obstacle of not finishing the Same Arises from the late & present Sherifs not producing their Accounts. It is now Ordered that the Committee Appointed to Settle s^{d} Accounts, do give further notice to the s^{d} Sherifs & other persons who have any Acco^{ts} with the Corporacon, of the time & place of their Meeting, And if the s^{d} Sherifs & other persons will not

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Attend the Settlement, & produce their Accots, that the sd Comittee then proceed to settle the same Exparte.

The Board having taken under Consideration the frequent & tumultuous Meetings of the Negro Slaves, especially on Sundays, Gaming, Cursing, Swearing & Committing many other Disorders, to the great Terrour & Disquiet of the Inhabitants of this City, In order not only to prevent such Meetings & Disorders for the future, but also to prevent Children & White Servants meeting in great numbers on the sd Day to play Games & make disturbances & noise in this City, It is, by the Board, thought Necessary that an Ordinance be forthwith drawn & prepared by the Recorder, & Alderman Griffitts for that purpose, & that the sd Ordinance be laid before the Board at the next meeting, now appointed to be on Monday next, And that in the meantime, all the Members of this Board have due notice to meet in Council on ye sd Day, in order to Consider of the sd Ordinance.

Priscilla Ashmore, widow, Petitioning that a ffine of ffive pounds set on her the last Court of Record, held for this City, for keeping a publick house without Lycence, or some part of the Said ffine might be remitted, she being not in a Capacity to pay the Same. The Board having taken the sd petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, Do remitt her fforty Shillings of the sd ffive pounds.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 24th April 1732.

Present

Samuel Hasell, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- William Hudson
- Clem^{t} Plumsted
- Charles Read
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- George ffitzwater
- Isaac Norris, jun^{r}

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Edw^{d} Roberts
- John Cadwallader
- Anthony Morris
- Andrew Bradford
- Alex^{r} Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- George Mifflin
- Ralph Assheton
- John Jones
- W^{m} Attwood
- Tho^{s} Chase

The Board met this Day in order to Consult about an Ordinance for Regulating Negroes, &c., in this City. And an Ordinance is now produced by the Recorder & Alderman Griffitts, pursuant to the last minute of Council, which Ordinance was read, & after Several Amendments made, the Board adjourned till to morrow Morning at Eight a Clock.

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At a Comon Conncil held at the City of Philad^{a} 25th April 1732.

Present

Samuel Hasell, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esq, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- Charles Read
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- W^{m} Allen
- Isaac Norris, jun^{r}
- George ffitzwater

Com. Council.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Dan^{l} Radley
- Edward Roberts
- John Jones
- Thomas Tresse
- Andrew Bradford
- W^{m} Attwood
- Thomas Chase
- Peter Lloyd
- George Mifflin
- Alex^{r} Woodroppe

The Board proceeded to take under further consideration an Ordinance for regulating Negroes, &c., within this City, & several further Amendm^{ts} were made. And the s^{d} Ordinance is Ordered to be Ingrosd & Laid Before this Board on Saturday next, in order to be past & published.

Jane Henderson petitioning that a ffine of ffive pounds, laid on her the Last Sessions, for keeping publick house without Lycence, might be remitted her, the Board took the s^{d} petition into Consideracon, & It appearing that s^{d} petitioner was very poor & not able to pay the s^{d} ffine, or any part, the s^{d} ffine is now remitted her, on Condition she Immediately remove out of this City, or give Security, if she Continue in the Same, that she will not become chargeable.

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Given Harry Petitioning that a ffine of ffive pounds, Laid on her Last October Sessions, for keeping a publick house without Lycence, might be remitted her, The Board took the s[d] petition into Consideracon, & it appearing that the s[d] Given is now very weak & in a Sickly Condition, & that the Sherif had taken a Security for sd ffine, It is ordered that the Sherif keep the Security so taken till further directions from this Board.

Joseph Lynn Petitioning that a ffine of Twenty pounds, Laid on him Last January Sessions, for Comitting an Assault & Battery on y[e] body of Michael Koyle, might be remitted, or some part thereof, the Board took the sd petition into Consideration, & do remitt Ten pounds of the sd ffine.

James Davis Petitioning that a ffine of Ten pounds, laid on him the last Sessions, for Comitting an Assault & Battery on John Harper, might be remitted, The Board took the sd petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, & remitt ffive pounds of the sd ffine.

Isaac Miranda Petitioning that the Sum of Twenty pounds, part of a ffine of Fifty pounds, laid on him in a Court of Record of this City (for which sum of Twenty pounds he had past his Obligacon to the Sherif) might be remitted him. The Board having taken the sd petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, & it appearing to the Board that the sd Obligation taken for the sd Twenty pounds was Intended only to keep the sd petitioner in some Awe, & restrain him from Comitting any further Breaches of the Peace, & that the sd Petitioner has since behaved himself orderly, The Board do now remitt the sd sum of Twenty pounds due by his Obligacon to the Corporation, & the Sherif is now ordered to Cancell y[e] Same.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 17th July A^{o} 1732.

Present

Samuel Hasell, Esq^{r} May^{r}
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- George ffitzwater

Com. Council.
- Israel Pemberton
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- Anth^{o} Morris
- Edw^{d} Roberts
- Andrew Bradford
- James Steel
- George Mifflin
- R. Assheton

William Cunningham Petitioning that a ffine of ffive pounds, Set on him at the last Court of Record of this City, for Comitting an Assault, &^{c}, on William Corker, might be remitted him, The Board having taken the sd Petition into Consideration, Do order that the Sherif take the Petitioners Bond for the sd ffine, & that upon payment of the Costs of his prosecucon, he be discharged out of Goal, & if he is ffound within this City twenty-ffour hours after such discharge, that he be Apprehended & Comitted to the Goal till he give good Security for his Good Behaviour.

Hannah Dwight Petitioning that a ffine of three pounds, Set upon her the Last Court of Record, might be remitted her, she having several Small Children to maintain, & not able to pay the sd ffine, The Board having taken the Petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do remit the sd ffine, & upon her payment of the Costs of Prosecution, She be discharged out of Goal, & if found within this City in two weeks after her discharge, that she be Apprehended & Whipt, pursuant to the Judgm^{t} of sd Court.

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Elizabeth Williams Petitioning that a fine of Thirty Shillings, Set on her the last Court of Record, for ffelony, be remited her, she being not able to pay the same, The Board having taken the Petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do remit the sd ffine, She paying the Costs of Prosecution, after which the Sherif is to discharge her from the Goal, & if she be found in this City in twenty-ffour hours after such discharge, that She be apprehended & comitted to prison & whipt, pursuant to the Judgmt of the sd Court.

At a Comon Council held at Philadª the 18th Day of Aug Aº 1732.

Present

Samuel Hasell, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recordr
William Hudson
Thomas Lawrence
Thomas Griffitts
George ffitzwater
} Aldermen.

Henry Badcoke
Nehemiah Allen
Peter Stretch
Edward Roberts
John Jones
John Cadwallader
Robt Ellis
Andrew Bradford
Samuel Carpenter
Joseph Turner
James Steel
George Mifflin
Ra Assheton
} Com. Council.

The Mayor Acquainted the Board that the Honble Thomas Penn, Esqr, one of our Proprietors, being lately arived in this City, he thought it the duty of this Board to give him a handsome Welcome

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by providing a decent Collation to Entertain him at the Expence of the Corporation, to which the Board Unanimously Agreed, & the time appointed is on Monday next, at the Court house, & the Mayor & Record^{r}, are desir'd to give the Invitation to the Proprietor, Govern^{r} & such Gentlemen as they shall think proper to Invite. And the Mayor & Alderman Griffitts are appointed to make proper provision for the Entertainment.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 3^{d} day of Ocob A^{o} 1732.

Present

Samuel Hasell, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- William Hudson
- Clemt Plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Charles Read
- Thomas Griffitts
- George ffitzwater
- William Allen
- Isaac Norris, jun^{r}

Com. Council.
- Israel Pemberton
- John Jones
- Edward Roberts
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Robert Ellis
- Daniel Radley
- Peter Lloyd
- Will^{m} Atwood
- Tho^{s} Chase
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Andrew Bradford
- Joseph Turner
- John White
- George Mifflin
- James Steel
- George Emlin
- Ra Assheton

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The Board, Pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & the present Mayor was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

Samuel Mickel, Edward Shippen, George House, John Delwyn, Benj[a] Shoemaker, Joseph England, James Bingham & Joseph Paschal, are now Elected Comon Council Men of this City, & Samuel Powell, Samuel Powell, jun[r] are re-elected.

It is now Ordered that all persons hereafter to be Admitted Comon Council Men shall be made ffreemen of this City before such Admission.

At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 14[th] Day of Octob A[o] 1732.

Present

Samuel Hasell, Esq[r], May[r]
Andrew Hamilton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Charles Read
- Thomas Lawrence
- Isaac Norris, jun[r]

Com. Council.
- John Jones
- Edward Roberts
- John Cadwallader
- Peter Lloyd
- James Steel
- George Mifflin
- Joseph Turner
- Joseph England
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph Paschal
- James Bingham
- R. Assheton

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John Dilwyn, Benjamin Shoemaker, Joseph England, Joseph Paschal & James Bingham, are now Admitted ffreemen of this City, & took the Qualifications of Comon Council Men.

The Mayor is now Elected Treasurer of this Corporation, & he is desir'd to Call all the Moneys due to the Corporation into his hands.

Ordered That the Minute in relation to the Absence of the members of this Board made the 24th of Novembr Ao 1718, be henceforth Strictly put in Execution.

At a Comon Council held at Philada 30th April 1733.

Present

Samuel Hasell, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recordr

Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Charles Read
- George ffitzwater
- Thomas Griffitts
- William Hudson

Com. Council.
- Anthony Morris
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Edward Roberts
- John Jones
- John Cadwallader
- Andrew Bradford
- James Steel
- George Mifflin
- Daniel Radley
- Joseph Turner
- Benja Shoemaker
- Joseph Paschall
- James Bingham
- John Dilwyn
- George House
- Ralph Assheton

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Several Accounts being Exhibited by the Mayor of the Costs of the Entertainmt of the Proprietor & Governr, & Several Gentlemen of this City, by order of this Board, It is now ordered That the Mayr, Alderman Lawrence & Alderman Griffitts, do Examine the sd Accounts, & Such Moneys as shall be by them settled, the Mayor is desired to pay the several persons who provided the said Entertainment.

Ordered that the recorder receive the Moneys due to the Corporation from John Leech, with ye Costs of Suit due on his Prosecution.

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At a Comon Council held at Philadelphia the 2d Octr 1739.

Present

Samuel Hasell, Esqr, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recorder

Aldren.
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- Isaac Norris
- Clement Plumsted
- Charles Read
- George ffitzwater
- Isaac Norris, junr
- William Allen
- Thomas Griffitts

Com. Council Men.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- John Jones
- John Cadwallader
- Edward Roberts
- John White
- Abraham Taylor
- Daniel Radley
- Robert Ellis
- Andrew Bradford
- Anthony Morris
- William Atwood
- Thomas Tresse
- Samuel Carpenter
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Thomas Masters
- George Mifflin
- George Emlin
- Benja Shoemaker
- James Bingham
- Joseph Paschall
- John Delwyn
- George House
- Edward Shippen
- Ralph Assheton
- Peter Lloyd
- Samuel Mickle
- Joseph Turner
- James Steel

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The Board, pursuant to the Business of the day, proceeded to Elect a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, and Alderman Griffitts is Elected by a Majority of Votes.

Israel Pemberton and Anthony Morris are now elected Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes.

At a Comon Council held at philadelphia the 29th day of October 1733.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esqr, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- William Hudson
- George ffitzwater
- Charles Read
- Samuel Hasell

Com. Council men.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Edward Roberts
- Thomas Tresse
- Andrew Bradford
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickle
- John Delwyn
- John Jones
- Israel Pemberton
- James Steel
- Daniel Radley
- John Cadwallader
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph Paschall
- James Bingham
- Peter Lloyd

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The Board took under Consideration the Regulating of the Corders of Wood in this City, and thereupon the Question was Putt whether Peter Cahoon, one of the present Corders of Wood, should be Removed, It was Voted in the affirmative, and The Recorder, Alderman ffitzwater and George Mifflin, are Appointed a Committee to draw up an Ordinance for Regulating the Corders of Wood in this City, and Lay the Same before the next Council.

Ordered That a penny be paid by the Importers of Wood for every Cord Landed at this City.

The ffollowing persons are appointed by the Board to Regulate the Streets of this City, Viz^{t}: The Mayor, for the time being, Alderman ffitzwater, Edward Roberts, George Mifflin, John Jones, Israel Pemberton, Edward Warner and Jacob Taylor, or any four of them, of which the Mayor, for the time being, to be one.

A Memorial from the Monthly Meeting of ffriends being Read, It is ordered that a former Order for preparing an Ordinance for the Regulation of Negroes and White Servants within this City, be further putt in Execution, and that the persons appointed for drawing it up produce the Same at the next Council, that the Same might be settled and passed.

Then the Board agreed to meet again this day Week.

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At a Comom Council held at philadelphia the 9th day of Novr 1733.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esqr, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recorder

Aldren.
- William Hudson
- George ffitzwater
- Charles Read
- Saml Hasell

Com. Counl men.
- Nathaniel Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Daniel Radley
- Edward Roberts
- George Mifflin
- Andrew Bradford
- John Warder
- George House
- John Delwyn
- Samuel Mickle
- Thomas Chase
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph Paschall
- Israel Pemberton
- John Jones
- John Cadwalader

An Ordinance for Regulating the Cording of Wood in this City was Read, and ordered to be Engrossed and Published next Monday.

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At a Comon Council held at Philadelphia the 12th day of Novembr 1733.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esqr, Mayor
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recorder
William Hudson
Clement Plumsted
Charles Read
Samuel Hassell
William Allen
} Aldermen.

Nehemiah Allen
Peter Stretch
Daniel Radley
Edward Roberts
George Mifflin
Andrew Bradford
George House
John Delwyn
Samuel Mickle
Thomas Chase
Alexander Woodroppe
Benjamin Shoemaker
Joseph Paschall
John Warder
Edward Shippen
John Cadwallader
John Jones
James Bingham
Anthony Morris.

Upon the Petition of Sarah James being Read, praying the Remittance of a ffine of ffive pounds Laid on her for selling Liquors without Licence, The Board taking her Circumstances into Consideration, do Remitt one half of the sd ffine.

Upon the Petition of Catharine Sutton, praying the Remittance of a ffine of ffive pounds, the Board Rejected the said Petition as

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to the Remittance of the ffine, But ordered that Execuson on the Judgment against her be Respited till further orders from this Board.

The Board Resumed the Consideracon of the Draught of the Ordinance for Regulating the Cording of Wood, etc., made several Amendments and Alteracons therein, and Ordered that the same be Ingrossed in order to be published.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 22^{d} day of Decem^{r} 1733.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}
William hudson } Aldermen.
Charles Read }
George ffitzwater }

Peter Stretch } Comon Council.
Edward Roberts
John Warder
Dan^{ll} Radley
Thomas Chace
Sam^{ll} Mickell
Benjamin Shoemaker
John Dilwyn
Thomas Masters
Ralph Assheton

An Ordinance for regulating the Cording of Wood & for paying of Wharfage for the Same, & for Sundry other Comodities landed & Laid upon the Publick Wharfs, Keys & Landings Places within the City of Philadelphia, was now Produced, Ingros'd in order to be Published Immediately.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 28[th] Jan[ry] 1733.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq[r], May[r]
Andrew hamilton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- William hudson
- Sam[ll] hassell
- W[m] Allen
- George ffitzwater
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- John Jones
- Edward Roberts
- Daniel Radley
- Andrew Bradford
- George Mifflin
- Benj[a] Shoemaker
- James Bingham
- Joseph paschall
- Edward Shippen
- Ralph Assheton
- John Cadwallader
- George Emlen

The Board having taken into Consideration the Great & Expensive Charge this City Sustains by the Numerous Poor, the two Taxes laid for them the last year not being Sufficient for their Maintenance, & as the Alms houses now built in nowise contribute to Lessen the sd Taxes, It is the Opinion of this Board, that the good Managem[t] & care of those houses woud very much tend to ease the Excessive Charge now paid by this City, And that some proper person shoud be thought of to Undertake the Same, And that a proper Scheme for Governm[t] & Inspection of sd houses shoud be made & Laid before this Board at the next Meeting, And it is ordered that at the same time the Overseers of the poor of this City, produce to this Board a Particular List of the Names & Con-

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ditions of the Persons who are now in the Poor List, & the Sums of Money by them paid for their Support.

The Board took under their Consideration the appointment of Wood Corders, and the Persons following were appointed for the Several Wharfs of this City.

Richard Pummer & Peter Calahoon, for High Street Wharf.
John Joyner, for Mulberry Street wharf.
Jeremiah Willis, for Chesnut Street, Walnut Street Wharf, & Landing at the Blue Anchor.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 30th Jan^{ry} A^{o} 1733.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r} Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- William hudson
- Clement Plumsted
- Samuel hasell
- George ffitzwater
- William Allen
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Edward Roberts
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Thomas Masters
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickell
- Benj^{a} Shoemaker
- George house
- Joseph Paschall
- James Bingham
- John Dilwyn
- Edward Shippen
- peter Lloyd
- Ralph Assheton

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The Overseers of the poor of this City waited on this Board with the List of their poor & weekly Allowance, & several of the sd poor now Attending the Board, proceeded to Examine their several Circumstances in order to give proper directions to the Overseers for their removal to the Alms house, in order to reduce the Great Taxes now laid on the Inhabitants of this City, for their Maintenance.

The Board proceeded to take under their Consideration the appointm^{t} of a proper person to Oversee & take Care of the poor that shoud, from time to time, be Sent to the Alms house, but it being Objected that some proper rules should be made for the Governm^{t} of the Same, before any Appointment be made, The Board requested the Mayor, Recorder, Alderman hudson & Alderman ffitzwater to draw up proper rules for the better Governm^{t} of the sd Alms house, & lay the same before this Board, at their next meeting.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad[a] the 1[st] day of Octob[r] 1733.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq[r], May[r]
Andrew hamilton, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- William Hudson
- Isaac Norris
- Thomas Lawrence
- Clement plumsted
- Charles Read
- Samuel preston
- Samuel hasell
- George ffitzwater
- William Allen
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Israel pemberton
- John Jones
- Peter Stretch
- Edward Roberts
- John Warder
- Thomas Tresse
- Robert Ellis
- Daniel Radley
- William Attwood
- James Steel
- Peter Lloyd
- Andrew Bradford
- Abraham Taylor
- Samuel Carpenter
- Joseph Turner
- Benj[a] Shoemaker
- Joseph paschall
- Alexander Woodroppe
- George Mifflin
- John Dilwyn
- George Emlen
- George house
- Edward Shippen
- Ralph Assheton

The Board, pursuant to the busieness of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & Alderman Lawrence was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

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Edward Roberts is now Elected one of the Aldermen of this City, by a Majority of Votes.

At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 17th Day of Octob A^{o} 1734.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- William hudson
- Thomas Griffitts
- Charles Read
- Samuel hasell

Com. Council.
- Israel Pemberton
- John Warder
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- Edward Roberts
- Robert Ellis
- George Mifflin
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Ralph Assheton

The Mayor Acquainted the Board that the Hon^{ble} John Penn, Esq^{r}., the Eldest of our proprietors, being lately arrived, he thought it the Duty of this Board to give him a handsome Welcome, by providing a decent Collation to Entertain him at the Expence of the Corporation, to which the Board unanimously agreed, & Saturday next was the day Appointed; And the Mayor, Alderman Griffitts & Alderman hasell were desird to give the Invitation to the proprietor, Govern^{r}, & such Gentlemen as they shoud think proper to Invite, & to take Care that proper provision be made for the Said Entertainment.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philad^{a} y^{e} 25th day of Nov^{r} A^{o} 1734.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r} May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Clement Plumsted
- George ffitzwater
- William Allen
- Samuel Hasell

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Thomas Tresse
- William Atwood
- Andrew Bradford
- George Mifflin
- Joseph Paschall
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- George house
- Edward Shippen
- John Delwin
- James Steel
- Ralph Assheton

A Petition of Henry Dukes was read, Setting forth That he was Convicted of ffelony the last January Sessions, & now lies in Goal for his ffees & ffine, that he is a Servant to John Trapnell of this City, who refuses to pay the sd ffine & ffees, Praying this Board woud be pleased to remit the sd ffine; the Board taking the sd petition into Consideration do remit the ffine, & order that the sd Henry Dukes be discharg'd out of prison & deliverd to his Master.

A Petition of Thomas Taunton was read, Setting forth that he was convicted the last Court of Record for Committing an Assault & Battery on one Peter Hunt, one of the Constables of this City, that he now Lies in Goal in a miserable Condition, praying this Board woud remit him the ffine, or take his Obligation for the

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same: The Board taking the petitioners Circumstances into Consideration do order the Sherif to take the sd Petitioners Bond to this Corporation for the sd ffine, & that he be discharged on peter hunts giving Consent thereto, it being insinuated to this Board that the sd peter hunt is apprehensive of the s^{d} Thomas Taunton doing him some bodily harm.

A Petition of patrick Peynteny was read, Setting forth That he was Convicted at the last Court of Record of ffelony, & that he has not Wherewith to pay his ffine, Prays this Board will remit the Same, It is Ordered that the sd ffine be remitted, & the sd petitioner be dischargd out of Goal.

A Petition of John Higgins was read, Setting forth that he was Convicted at the last Court of Record for Comitting an Assault & battery on one John Crisp, & that he now Lies in Goal for his ffine, Praying this Board woud either remit the sd ffine or take his Security for the Same. The Board taking the sd petition into Consideration, do remit the sd Fine, And the Sherif is ordered to put him on board Some Vessel, he being a Mariner, in order to discharge his ffees.

A Petition of Anne Gordon was read, Setting forth That she was Convicted of ffelony last July Court, that she is now in prison for a ffine due to this Corporation, that she now lies there in a very miserable Condition, big with Child, & not able to pay the sd ffine. The Board taking the sd petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do remitt the sd ffine, & order that the Goods in Charles Stows hands be immediately Sold for payment of her ffees, & that she be Discharged out of prison.

A Petition of Charles Stow was read, Setting forth That he had for Several Years past, kept the Watch house of this City, &

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Sumoned & Attended this Board, an Account Whereof he exhibited, amounting to the Sum of Eighty Six pounds ffive Shillings, Viz^{t}: ffor keeping the Watch house from the 21st day of March, A^{o} 1728–9, to the ffourth Day of this Instant, November, being ffive Years & a half, & half a Quarter, at 10^{l} p ann, amounted to ffifty Six pounds ffive Shillings ffor Sumoning this Council, from September, A^{o} 1728, to September last, providing ffirewood for the Court house & Cleaning the Same, being Six Years, at 5^{l} p ann, amounted to Thirty pounds; Prayed this Board woud take the sd Account into Consideration, & make such order for Payment as they shoud think proper. The said petition & account being examined & Considered, It is ordered That the Treasurer of this Corporation do pay to the sd Charles Stow the Sum of Thirty pounds for Services done this Board, & that the said Charles shoud have a proper order to the Treasurer of this City for keeping the sd Watch house.

The Mayor exhibited an Account of John Shewbert, amounting to £40 14 2, it being for the Entertainment that was ordered by this Board to be made for the hon^{ble} John Penn, Esq^{r}, one of the Proprietors; Which Acco^{t} being read & examined, It was Ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

The Mayor Exhibited to the board an Acco^{t} amounting to £9 18 6, he had paid to John Newberry for the entertainment of Coll^{o} Mongomery, late Govern^{r} of New York. The Board having taken the sd Account into Consideration, do order that the Treasurer of the Corporation do pay the Mayor the sd Sume.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} the 4th day of June A^{o} 1735.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Aldermen.
- William Carter
- William hudson
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hasell
- Samuel preston
- Isaac Norris
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Israel pemberton
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- John Jones
- Robert Ellis
- Thomas Tresse
- William Atwood
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Thomas Masters
- Samuel Mickell
- John White
- Abraham Taylor
- Peter Lloyd
- James Steel
- George Emlen
- Edward Shippen
- Joseph Turner
- Ralph Assheton

The Recorder acquainted the Board that the Lord Baltimore had lately made application to the King for the Grant of the Three Lower Counties of New Castle, Kent & Sussex, & as such a Grant, if Obtained, will not only be a very great Injury to the Inhabitants of this Province in General, but woud very much Affect the Merch^{ts} & trade of this City. That several persons, & most of the Considerable Merchants had applyd to the Mayor to Call this Board together & move them to request the Govern^{r} immediately to Call the Assembly of this province & lay the Affair before them, in or-

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der to make a proper representation thereof to his Majesty, & it being moved that a Vote shoud be put whether the Govern^{r} shoud be Addrest on this Occasion, the same being Put, it was the Unanimous Opinion of the Board that an address shoud be drawn up with all Expedition, And the Mayor, Alderman plumsted, Griffitts & Israel pemberton, are appointed to draw the sd address, & Lay the Same before this Board at two a Clock this Afternoon, to which time the board Adjourn'd.

Post Meridiem.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Aldermen.
- Clem^{t} plumsted
- Charles Read
- Samuel hasell
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Israel pemberton
- John Warder
- Robert Ellis
- John White
- Abraham Taylor
- James Steel
- Thomas Masters
- Samuel Mickell
- George Mifflin
- Joseph paschall
- Ralph Assheton

The Mayor, with some of the persons Appointed to draw the Address to the Govern^{r}, pursuant to a Vote of this Board in the Morning, now offer the Same to the Board for their Approbation. The said Address being read & some Amendments made, It was ordered to be Ingrosed Immediately, And the Mayor, Alderman Plumsted, Read & hasell, are desired to Wait on the Govern^{r} this Afternoon & present the Same.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad the 21st July A° 1735.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew hamilton, Esqr recordr

Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Wm Hudson
- Clement plumsted
- Samuel hasell
- George ffitzwater
- Edward Roberts

Com. Council.
- Israel pemberton
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- John Jones
- Thomas Tresse
- Robert Ellis
- James Steel
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickell
- George house
- James Bingham
- Edward Shippen
- Ralph Assheton

It being Alledged that the Subscription for the ffire Engines, Bucketts, etc., is now in the hand of Alderman Griffitts, It is ordered that Alderman Griffitts Exhibit the sd Subscription, with the Accounts of the Money that was Collected & disbursed on that Account, before the next Council.

It being moved by the Mayor that the Ordinance which was formerly laid before this Board for regulating Negroes in this City, shoud be brought again under Consideration of the Board, It is ordered that the Recorder Bring the sd Ordinance to the next Council in order to be further Considered of.

Ordered that the persons appointed to Settle the Corporation Accots do continue their Care in getting the Same perfected, & Lay

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the same before the next Council, or the reasons why the Same are not Compleated.

Anthony Nichols Exhibited to this Board an Account amounting to the Sum of £89 11 8 the Charge of a Fire Engine he lately made, desiring this Board woud purchase the Same, Which Account is referred to the Examination of Alderman Hasell, Israel Pemberton, Peter Stretch & James Steel, who are to view the sd Engine, & take to their Assistance such Persons as they shall think proper, & make report of their proceedings to the next Council, And the sd persons are desired to dispose of the Old Engine which was purchased of Abraham Bickley.

Ordered that the Mayor, Alderman plumsted, Alderman preston & Edward Shippen, with the Assistance of Samuel powell, do Inquire into the Rights of the Lotts & Lands belonging to the Corporation, & make report at the Next Council, & also Agree with John Jenkinson, Who now applys for a piece of Ground at the South Side of the Dock near the Bridge over ffront Street, & that they Inquire into the Scituation of the present Market place, & propose proper regulations of the Same to this Board.

Richard Hillyard, now petitioning that a fine of ffive pounds, Set upon him at a Court of Record of this City, for keeping a publick house without Lycence, praying a remittance of the s^{d} Fine, The Board taking the s^{d} petition into Consideration, do remitt the s^{d} Fine.

Henry Fitzackerlin petitioning that a ffine of ffive pounds, Set upon him at a Court of Record within this City, for keeping a publick house without Lycence, praying a remittance of the s^{d} Fine, The Board takeing the s^{d} petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do remitt the s^{d} Fine on Condition that the s^{d} Petitioner immediately remove himself & Family out of this City.

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At a Comon Council held at Philad^{a} y^{e} 28th July A^{o} 1735.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.

W^{m} Carter
Charles Read
Clement Plumsted
William hudson
Samuel hasel
Isaac Norris,
Anthony Morris
Edward Roberts

Peter Stretch
John Warder
Israel pemberton
Andrew Bradford
Thomas Tresse
George Mifflin
Benj Shoemaker
Edward Shippen
John Dilwyn
George house
James Bingham
Joseph Paschall
George Emlin
R. Assheton

Alderman Griffitts, Pursuant to the order of the last Council, now Exhibits his Acco^{t}, but the Same being imperfect, there being no Account of the Cost of the Fire Engine & Bucketts that were sent for to England, nor any Acco^{t} of the Names of the persons who have not paid their Subscriptions, The Board do Order Aldermen Read, ffitzwater & Morris, to Examine the said Acco^{ts} & Settle them with Alderman Griffitts, & make report the next Council.

The Recorder, pursuant to the order last Council, brought a rough Draught of the Ordinance for Regulating of Negroes, etc, & the Same being read, Some Alterations & Additions were made.

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Ordered that the persons Appointed to Settle the Corporation Acco^{ts}, do Continue their care to have the same perfected with all Expedition.

The Persons appointed to View the Fire Engine, made by Anthony Nichols, do report that they had Viewd the Same, & find that the sd Engine made by Anthony, is very heavy, Unweildy, & requires much Labour to Work the Same, that some parts are made of wood which ought to have been Brass, & that they conceive that the sd Engine will not last Long, but as he Undertook to make the Same for the Service of this City, at a time when the sd City was in great Want thereof, The sd persons proposed that this Board shoud recommend him to the Magistrates & Assessors for a Gratuity. The Board taking the Same into Consideration, do refer his Acco^{t} to the Magistrates & assessors for their Inspection & allowance of such Gratuity as they shall think proper.

Ordered that Joseph Paschal, George Mifflin & George house, do get the Old Leathern Bucketts that want repair, mended, & also do agree for One hundred New Leathern Bucketts, & get the same made with all Expedition.

The Persons Appointed to Inquire into the Rights of Lotts of Land belonging to the Corporation, &c, being not ready to make report, It is ordered that they make report of what was Committed to their Inquiry the last Councill, to the next Meeting of this Board.

Edmund Wooley Exhibited an Acc^{t} am^{t} to Ten Shillings & Six pence for Work done to the Tables & Benches in the Court house, at the time of the Entertainm^{t} of the proprietor, It is ordered that the Treasurer pay the Same.

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MINUTES

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At a Comon Councill held at Philad^{a} the 7th day of Octob^{r} A^{o} 1735.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Aldermen.
- W^{m} Carter
- Samuel preston
- William hudson
- Clement plumsted
- Samuel Hasell
- Thomas Griffitts
- Charles Read
- William Allen
- Isaac Norris
- George ffitzwater
- Anthony Morris
- Edward Roberts

Com. Council.
- Nehemiah Allen
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Israel pemberton
- John Jones
- Thomas Tresse
- Andrew Bradford
- Samuel Carpenter
- John White
- Abraham Taylor
- William Atwood
- Peter Lloyd
- Samuel Mickell
- Thomas Masters
- John Dilwin
- Alexander Woodrope
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph paschall
- James Bingham
- Edward Shippen
- Joseph Turner
- George house
- George Emlen
- Daniel Radley
- George Mifflin
- Samuel powell, jun^{r}
- Ra Assheton

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The Board, pursuant to the busieness of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, and William Allen is Elected Mayr by a Majority of Votes.

Aldermen Read, Roberts & Fitzwater, are desired to wait on the Governr to know the time he woud receive this Board, to present the Mayor Elect, to be Qualified, Who returned & reported that the Governr was ready to Receive them.

It is ordered by this Board, that all Aldermen & Common Council Men that shall be hereafter chosen by this Board, do Qualify themselves within a year after their Election, otherwise they shall not be Qualified till reelected.

Samuel Powell, junr, formerly Elected a Comon Council Man, was now Qualified.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 21st day of Janry Ao 1735.

Present

William Allen, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- William Hudson
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel hasselt
- George Fitzwater
- Isaac Norris
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Israel pemberton
- Thomas Tresse
- Ralph Assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- William Atwood
- James Steel
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- John White
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- James Bingham
- Joseph Paschall
- Samuel Powell, junr
- George Emlen

The Board being now Acquainted that the General Assembly of this Province, who are now Sitting, have under their Consideration the Regulation of the Several Ferrys of this Province, It was thought proper that some of the Members of this Corporation shoud wait on the Proprietor & Acquaint him that the Ferry at the End of High Street, on Schuylkill River, was Vested by Law in this

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Corporation, And as the Proprietor had the Possession & right of some Land Adjoining to the sd Ferry, which woud Accommodate the Same, to desire the Grant of such Land as will be Comodious, And that the said persons shoud also Apply to the proprietor in behalf of this Board, for his Concurrance, in Vesting the Ferry at the End of high street, on Delaware river, to William Coopers in the Jerseys, in this Corporation; the Law formerly made for that purpose being now Expired, It is ordered That the Recorder, Alderman hudson, Alderman Plumsted, Alderman Lawrence, Peter Stretch, Israel pemberton, Alexander Woodroppe & John White, do Wait on the proprietor accordingly, And make report of their proceedings to this Board to Morrow Morning at Nine o'Clock, to which time the Council Adjourned.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 22d day of January Ao 1735.

Present

William Allen, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew hamilton, Esqr, recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- William hudson
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Charles Read
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel hassell
- George Fitzwater
- Isaac Norris
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- James Steel
- George Mifflin
- John White
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Thomas Masters
- Samuel Mickell
- Joseph Turner
- Daniel Radley
- James Bingham
- Joseph paschal
- George Emlen
- Samuel powell, junr

The Persons Appointed Yesterday to Wait on the Proprietor in Relation to the Ferrys at the End of High Street on the Rivers Delaware & Schuylkill, now report That they had waited on the proprietor according to the direction of this Board, and had Acquainted

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him that it was the Desire of this Corporation that he woud grant them some Land on both Sides of the Ferry, at the End of high Street, on Schuylkill river, to Accommodate the said Ferry, to which request the proprietor answered that he woud take some time to Consider of, And that as to the Ferry at the End of High Street, on Delaware, he was willing to Concurr in Vesting the same in this Corporation.

It being put to the Vote, if it is necessary & proper that the Board shoud Apply to the Assembly of this Province, in order that due Care may be taken of their Interest in the Ferry at the West End of high Street, over the River Schulkill, & to get the same Accommodated with some Conveniencies to render it more Usefull for the Publick Service, It was carried in the Affirmative, And Alderman Plumsted, Read, Lawrence & Morris, together with Alexander Woodroppe, Peter Stretch, George Emlen & John Dilwyn are now Appointed to wait on the Proprietor for his Answer as to his Grant of Some Land to Accomodate the sd Ferry, & that at a proper time, they also make Application to the Assembly.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 28th day of January A° 1735.

Present

William Allen, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- William hudson
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Charles Read
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel hassell
- George ffittzwater
- Edward Roberts
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- Joseph Turner
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- James Bingham
- Samuel powell, jun^{r}

The Members of this Board Appointed at the last Council to wait on the Proprietor for his Answer, as to his Accomodating this Corporation with Some Land at the Ferry, at the End of High Street, on Schuylkill, Acquainted the Board that they had Waited on the proprietor for the sd Answer, And that the proprietor told them he must Consult with his Brothers in England, before he coud give them a full Answer to their request.

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The said Members are now desired to Draw a Petition to the Assembly requesting them that they woud Limitt persons under certain Bounds from this City, from Erecting a Ferry in prejudice to the Ferry intended to be Granted to this Corporation at the End of High Street, to Coopers, and that the Assembly woud also, in the general Law for Erecting Ferrys in this Province, now under Consideration, make therein a Saving Clause of the right the Corporation has to the Ferry at the End of high Street on Schuylkill, & Lay the sd Petition before this Board this Evening, at Six o'Clock, to which time the Council Adjournd.

Post Meridiem.

Present

William Allen, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- William Hudson
- Clement plumsted
- Charles Read
- Thomas Griffitts
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel hassell
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- Abraham Taylor
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- James Bingham

The Members of this Board Appointed this Morning to prepare a Petition to the Assembly in relation to the Ferrys at the End of high Street, now laid the sd petition Before the Board, which was

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read & several Ammendments made, And it being put to the Vote, if the said petition as now Amended shoud be Ingrossed & show'd to the proprietor, & afterwards presented to the Assembly, It was Carried in the Affirmative by a Majority, And the Same was Ordered to be Ingrosed with all Expedition, And the Members who prepared the sd Petition are ordered to wait on the proprietor with the Same for his Approbation, & afterwards present it to the Assembly.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 30th day of January A° 1735.

Present

William Allen, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- William hudson
- Clement plumsted
- Charles Read
- Thomas Lawrence
- George Fitzwater
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Ralph Assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- George Emlen
- George Mifflin
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker

The Members of this Board Appointed at the last Council to wait on the Proprietor with the Petition in relation to the Ferrys, for his Approbation, now report That they had Shewn the sd Petition to the Proprietor, & that he was Unwilling that the Ferry at the End of high Street on Delaware shoud be Established by Act of Assembly, & told them that he woud Establish the same in this

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Corporation by patent, that as to the purchase of Land on the West Side of Schuylkill, for Accomodation of that Ferry, he was pleased to say that he was Willing this Board shoud purchase a piece of Ground there, but not declare the Uses by an Act of Assembly; after which the sd Petition was altered in several parts, which being read was Approved of by the Board, and ordered to be Ingrossed & presented to the Assembly, by the aforsd Members to Morrow Morning.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia y^e^ 8^th^ day of May A^o^ 1736.

Present

William Allen, Esq^r^, Mayor
Andrew hamilton, Esq^r^, Record^r^
William Hudson
Charles Read
Thomas Griffitts
Thomas Lawrence
Samuel preston
Samuel hassell
} Esq^rs^, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Warder
Daniel Radley
Ralph Assheton
Andrew Bradford
Peter Lloyd
George Mifflin
John White
Samuel Mickell
George house
John Dilwyn
Benjamin Shoemaker
Joseph Paschall
} Com. Council.

The Mayor Acquainted the Board that one James Garret, who was imployed by Joseph paschal, George Mifflin & George house,

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by order of this Board, to repair & mend the old Leathern Bucketts & make a hundred new, Exhibited an Account amounting to Ten pounds Twelve Shillings, for mending & repairing the Old Bucketts, & the sum of Twenty ffive pounds for making Fifty New Bucketts, at Ten shillings each, & that the sd James Garret desired payment of the sd Account. The Board having taken the sd Account under Consideration, & Examined the same, & also Viewd the New Bucketts, are of Opinion that Nine Shillings for the New Bucketts is Sufficient, & do Allow the sd James Garret the Sum of Thirty three pounds two Shillings, Which Sum the Treasurer of this Corporation is ordered to pay him out of the moneys arising upon Chimney ffiring.

Ebenezer Tomlinson now Exhibited an Account of Five days Carpenters Work done by him in making Conveniences at the Court house, for Tables & Seats at the Entertainment of the proprietor by this Corporation, amounting to the Sum of One pound Three shilling. The Board having taken the s^{d} account into Consideration, do Order that the Treasurer of this Corporation pay the s^{d} Ebenezer Tomlinson the s^{d} Sum of One pound three Shillings.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 30th day of August A° 1736.

Present

William Allen, Esq^r, May^r
Andrew hamilton, Esq^r, Record^r
William Hudson, Charles Read, Thomas Griffitts } Esq^rs, Aldermen.
John Warder, Ralph Assheton, Thomas Masters, George Mifflin, James Steel, George house, John Dilwyn, Benjamin Shoemaker, James Bingham, Joseph Paschall } Com. Council.

The Mayor Acquainted the Board that there are Several persons now in the Goal of this City for Fines due from them to this Corporation, that the s^d Persons are a Considerable Charge to the City & County, And desired the Opinion of this Board whether it woud not be proper to discharge them out of Goal. The Board having taken the same into Consideration, & it appearing that the s^d persons are not able to pay their Fines, do Order that they be discharged, And the Sherif is ordered to discharge them accordingly.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 20th day of September A° 1736.

Present

William Allen, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- William hudson
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel hassell
- Isaac Norris
- Edward Roberts

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Thomas Tresse
- Ralph assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- James Steel
- George Emlen
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Samuel Mickell
- James Bingham
- Joseph Paschall

The Mayor Acquainted the Board that upon the Death of Nehemiah Allen, a Member of this Council, the Office for Measuring of Salt & Sealing of Measures in this City was now Vacant, And desired the Board to think of Some proper person for that Office, as well as for Measuring of Wheat, in which there has been very great Abuse. The Board having taken the Same into Consideration, & Benjamin Morgan being named, he is Unanimously Appointed the Officer for measuring of Salt & Sizing Measures, & the Standard of Measures that do belong to this City the s^{d} Officer is ordered immediately to take into his Custody.

The Recorder, Aldermen Plumstead & Griffitts, together with Alexander Woodroppe, are Appointed a Committee to Draw &

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prepare an Ordinance for the better regulating the Measuring of Salt & Grain, Imported by Water into this City, & are desired to Lay the Same before this Board at the next meeting.

It being Observed to this Board by Several members, that there are Erected in the Street, at the Front of the Court house, by private persons, Severall Stalls, who take rent for the Same, and that a Considerable Sum of Money might be Annually Raised out of the Rents of Stalls that might be Erected by this Corporation in the s^{d} Street, if the Same was Paved & posts Erected. The Board having taken the Same into Consideration, do referr the Same to the Persons appointed on the aforesd Comittee to Consider how far the Same will be Convenient, & also of proper methods for Erecting the s^{d} Stalls, who are to report to the Board at the next Meeting.

The Clerk of the Market now Exhibiting a Complaint of Several Nusances that at present are in the Market, by Persons blowing of Meat, Selling Goods, bringing Empty Carts & lying of horses in the Market place, The Board referr the s^{d} Complaint to the aforesd Comittee to Consult of proper Measures to be taken for preventing the like Nusances for the Future.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 5th day of October A° 1736.

Present

William Allen, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Alder^{n}.
- William Carter
- Samuel preston
- William Hudson
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Charles Read
- Thomas Lawrence
- Isaac Norris
- George ffitzwater
- Anthony Morris
- Edward Roberts

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Thomas Tresse
- Ralph assheton
- Thomas Masters
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- Joseph Turner
- Robert Ellis
- George Emlen
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- James Bingham
- Joseph Paschal
- Samuel Powell, Jun^{r}

The Board, pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, and Alderman Plumsted is Elected by a Majority of Votes.

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Alderman Morris & Peter Lloyd are desired to wait on the president & Council, to know the time they will receive this Board, to present the Mayor elect to be Qualifyd, Who, on their return, reported that the president & Council were now ready to receive the Board.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 11th day of October A° 1736.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esq^{r} May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- William Carter
- Samuel preston
- William hudson
- Thomas Griffitts
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel hasell
- George ffitzwater

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Joseph Turner
- George Mifflin
- John White
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph paschall
- Samuel powell, jun^{r}

The Persons Appointed a Committee to Draw & prepare an Ordinance for the Regulating the Measuring of Salt & Grain imported by Water into this City, now report that they had proceeded to Draw an Ordinance for that purpose, but that the same was not per-

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fected. It is now Ordered that they perfect the same before the Sitting of this Council.

The said Committee do also Report, that pursuant to the Direction of this Board they had Considered of proper Methods for Erecting Stalls the ffront of the Court house, & that for paving the Same, Erecting posts, making new Moving Stalls & covering them with painted Canvas, will Cost about Two hundred pounds, & they produced to the Board a Draught of the sd Stalls. The Board having taken the sd report into Consideration, do think that it will be proper that Two Stalls, as in the Modell or Draught, now before the Board, be made & Erected, that the same may be Viewed by the Board to have their approbation, And the Committee are Appointed to get the sd Stalls made & Erected.

Alderman Hassell, Treasurer of the Corporation, & Alderman Griffitts, are Appointed to Inquire into the State of the Accounts between the Loan Office & the s^{d} Corporation, & what moneys shall appear to be due to the sd Office, the Treasurer is hereby directed & ordered immediately to pay & Discharge.

The Mayor Acquainted the Board that the Overseers of the Poor of this City had been with him this morning, & Informed him that the Wife of Josiah Gates, the present Overseer of the Alms house, is Dead, & that it woud be proper that some Care shoud be taken of the sd house, the present Overseer having for some time past Misbehaved himself, that the Oversees had in View a proper person who woud take care of the sd house. It is ordered that the Mayor & Alderman Griffitts, inquire into the Character & Circumstances of the sd persons recommended by the Overseers of the poor, And if they see Occasion & proper to put them, or any other person, into the sd Alms house as they shall approve of, till further Orders from this Board.

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Alderman Preston, John White & Joseph Turner, are Appointed to speak to James Parrock & Peter Brown, Owners of the Corner Lotts Opposite to John Dilwyn's house in Second Street, & tell them that if they do not forthwith open the Ground ffronting their respective Lotts, & pitch & pave the Same, it will be immediately done at their Charge by the Corporation.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 27th Day of December A° 1736.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esq, Mayr
Andrew hamilton, Esqr, Recordr

William Carter
Samuel Preston
Thomas Lawrence
William Allen
Edward Roberts
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Jones
John Warder
Daniel Radley
Ralph Assheton
Thomas Masters
Peter Lloyd
John White
Samuel Mickell
Edward Shippen
John Dilwyn
James Steel
James Bingham
} Com. Council.

Upon the Petition of William Graham, now in the Goal of this City for a ffine of Sixteen pounds due to this Corporation, being like to Starve this hard Weather, Craving this Board woud remit him the sd Fine, the Board having taken the sd petitioners Circum-

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stances into Consideration, do Order the Sherif to take his Bond for the sd Fine, And that if he be found within this City ffour days after he is turned out of prison, he is ordered to be taken up & Carried to the Work house & be Wipt with ffifteen Lashes.

There being several persons indebted to this Corporation on Account of ffines & fforfeited Recognizances, And no Care being taken to recover the Same, The Recorder is desired by the Board immediately to take proper Measures for the recovery of the Same.

The Mayor & Alderman Lawrence, are desired to View the ffire Engine of this City, & get them forthwith repaired & Lay the charge thereof before the next Council, & they are also desired to Visit the prison, Work house & Alms house, & reporrt to the next Council the Condition of the several persons now Confined in the Same.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 23d day of May A° 1737.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esq^r, May^r
Andrew hamilton, Esq^r record^r

William Carter
William hudson
Thomas Lawrence
Thomas Griffitts
Samuel hassell
William Allen
Edward Roberts

} Esq^rs, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Jones
John Warder
Thomas Tresse
Ralph Assheton
Andrew Bradford
peter Lloyd
James Steel
Abraham Taylor
George Mifflin
Alexander Woodroppe
George house
John Dilwyn
James Bingham

} Com. Council.

The Mayor Acquainted the Board that several persons had made Application to him to be Appointed Keepers of the Ferry from this City to the Ferry called Coopers in New Jersey, lately Granted to this Corporation by the proprietor, and that he had called this Board at this time in order, not only to Appoint some fit person to keep the sd Ferry, but also to Consider of a proper place for Erecting the Same. And the Several petitions of Thomas Bourne & William Rawle of this City were presented to the Board & read, requesting the Appointment. The Board then proceeded to take under Consideration the Erecting the sd Ferry, And it was the Opinion of the Board that a Committee shoud be Appointed to Consider of & find out a Convenient place for Erecting the Same, & to make

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Inquiry if any Lott of Ground can be purchased Suitable for that Use, And Aldermen Griffitts, hassell & Allen, together with Alexander Woodroppe, James Bingham & Abraham Taylor, are Appointed a Committee for that purpose, who are to make report of their proceedings to the next Council, and the sd Petitions are left to further Consideration.

Ordered that Aldermen Lawrence & hassell, do forthwith get the publick Wharfs of this City repaired, & the Treasurer is ordered to pay for the Same.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 8th day of August A° 1737.

Present

Clement plumsted, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

William Carter
Samuel preston
William hudson
Thomas Griffitts
Samuel hassell
William Allen
Edward Roberts

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Jones
Israel pemberton
Thomas Tresse
Ralph Assheton
Peter Lloyd
Robert Ellis
Alexander Woodroppe
William Atwood
Abraham Taylor
George Mifflin
John White
Samuel Mickell
George house
John Dilwyn
Joseph paschall.

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The Mayor Acquainted the Board that the Grand Jury, at the last Court of Record of this City, had presented Several of the Streets of this City as Impassable, as also the Bridge over the Dock & ffront Street being very much out of repair, & that the Magistrates & Assessors had met at the sd Court, & agreed upon a Tax to be Assessed on the Inhabitants of this City for repairing the sd Streets & Bridge, And that he had now Called this Board together to Consider of proper persons to be appointed to See the sd repairs made, Upon which the Board proceeded to Appoint the persons following for that purpose:

Alderman preston, Edward Warner, Edmond Wooley & Jeremiah Elfrith, to get Sasafrax Street on both Sides, where it Crosses second Street, near John Dilwyns Corner, Regulated, & Oblige the Persons, Proprietors of the Lotts by which the Regulation shall pass, to pave before the sd Lotts, & if the sd persons refuse or delay to pave the Same, that the persons now Appointed are to get the sd Lotts paved pursuant to the direction of an Ordinance of this City.

Alderman Roberts, Israel pemberton & Joseph paschal are Appointed to get that part of high Street over the Swamp calld Center Swamp repaird, & an Arch made About two feet Wide, to carry off the water, And a Causeway of Seventy ffoot wide, with two good Ditches of each Side, & have the same Compleated with all Expedition.

Alderman Morris, Israel pemberton & Benjamin Shoemaker are Appointed to get fourth Street, which crosses the high Street, forthwith Repaird, and an Arch made across High Street of ffour ffeet Wide, in order to Carry of the Water.

The recorder, Alderman Griffitts & Morris, Alexander Woodroppe & Samuel powell, or any three of them, are Appointed to

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get the Bridge over the Dock in Front Street repaird, as also the Street upon the North & South Side of the sd Bridge, & have the same Compleated with all Expedition, the sd Bridge being now Dangerous to pass.

Benjamin Eastbourn, the Surveyor General of this Province, is now Appointed one of the regulators of this City, & is to assist in all Regulations of the Streets, who is to be paid for his Trouble in giving his Assistance.

The Petitions of James ffitzgerrald & Edward Catherin were read, Setting forth that they were Confined in the Goal of this City for ffines due to this Corporation, & were not able to pay the same, & must perish for want Unless relieved by this Board. The Board having taken the said petitions into Consideration, do order that the Sherif take their Bonds for the ffines due to this Corporation, & that they be released out of prison, on Condition they Immediately Depart this City.

The Petition of Robert Jewell was read, Setting fforth That he was ffined on three several Indictments, the Sum of Seven pounds ffive Shillings, in the Courts of record of this City, praying this Board woud take his Circumstances into Consideration, & remit the sd Fines. The Board having taken the sd petition under Consideration, & the Circumstances of the petitioner, do remitt of the above Sum, the Sum of Two pounds ffive Shillings.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 29th Day of August A° 1737.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

William hudson
Thomas Lawrence
Samuel hassell
William Allen
Anthony Morris
Edward Roberts
} Esq^{re}, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Jones
Daniel radley
Israel pemberton
Ralph Assheton
Andrew Bradford
George Mifflin
Edward Shippen
John Dilwyn
James Steel
Samuel powell, jun^{r}
} Com. Council.

Alderman Morris & Israel pemberton, two of the persons Appointed at the last Council to get the Arch made over High Street, at ffourth Street, have proposed now to Continue the sd Arch along y^{e} sd ffourth Street untill the Water ffalls into the Lotts of Anthony Morris, & to pave the Same, it being about two hundred ffeet, if they can have the Liberty of Getting voluntary Subscriptions, & twenty ffive pounds paid them out of the Money which may hereafter be raised by a Tax; which proposal being Considered, was agreed to by the Board.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 4th day of October Ao 1737.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew hamilton, Esqr, recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- William Carter
- Samuel preston
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel Hasell
- Isaac Norris
- George ffitzwater
- William Allen
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Daniel radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Thomas Masters
- Andrew Bradford
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- Robert Ellis
- George Emlen
- James Steel
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickell
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benja Shoemaker
- Joseph paschal
- Samuel powell, junr

The Board, pursuant to the Business of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, And Alderman Griffitts was Elected by a majority of Votes.

Alderman Morris & Israel pemberton are appointed to wait on the president & Council to acquaint them of their Election of the

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Mayor, & to know the time they will receive this Board with the May[r] Elect to be Qualified; the sd persons appointed returned, & reported that the President & Council woud receive this Board with the Elect Mayor immediately.

At a Common Council held at the City of Philad[a] the 24[th] day of April, A[o] 1738.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq[r], May[r]
Andrew hamilton, Esq[r], record[r]

Samuel preston
Clement plumsted
Thomas Lawrence
George Fitzwater
William Allen
Edward Roberts
} Esq[rs], Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Jones
John Warder
Dan[l] Radley
Israel pemberton
Thomas Tresse
Ralph Assheton
Thomas Masters
Andrew Bradford
Joseph Turner
Abraham Taylor
George Mifflin
Edward Shippen
John Dilwyn
Joseph pascall
Samuel powell, jun[r]
} Com. Council.

The Draught of an Ordinance for preventing ffrauds and abuses in the Measuring of Salt, fflaxseed, Wheat & other Grain imported and brought by Water into the Harbour of this City, was now laid

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before the Board & Read, & Several Amendments were made to the Same, & the sd Ordinance is left to the further Consideration of the Board at their next Meeting.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philad^{a} the 26th day of April A^{o} 1738.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- George Fitzwater
- William Allen
- Isaac Norris
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Israel Pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Andrew Bradford
- James Steel
- William Atwood
- Joseph Turner
- George Emlen
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickell
- John Dilwyn
- Sam^{ll} powell, jun^{r}

The Draught of the Ordinance for preventing Frauds & Abuses in the Measuring of Salt, Flax seed, Wheat & other Grain imported & brought by Water into the harbour of this City, was now laid before the Board & Read, & some further Amendments & Additions being made, it was agreed to & passed the Board, & it was Ordered that the Same shoud be forthwith ingrossed.

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The Board Proceeded to Appoint a proper person to be the Officer to put that part of the Ordinance in Execucon, for Measuring of fflaxseed, Wheat & all other Grain imported, & brought by Water into the harbour of this City, and John Armit, of this City, was appointed the Officer by a Majority of Votes.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 29th day of April A° 1738.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
Clement plumsted
Thomas Lawrence
William Allen
Edward Roberts
} Esq^{re}, Aldermen.

Thomas Tresse
Ralph Assheton
Thomas Masters
Joseph Turner
Abraham Taylor
George Mifflin
Edward Shippen
John Dilwyn
Joseph paschall
} Com. Council.

The Ordinance past at the last Council For preventing ffrauds & abuses in the Measuring of Salt, Flax Seed, Wheat & other Grain imported & brought by Water into the harbour of this City, being Ingrossed, was Laid before the Board, & it was ordered that the sd Ordinance shoud be forthwith Published.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 5th day of June A° 1738.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel hassell
- George ffitzwater
- William Allen
- Isaac Norris

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Thomas Tresse
- Ralph Assheton
- Andrew Bradford
- Peter Lloyd
- William Atwood
- Joseph Turner
- George Emlen
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Samuel Mickell
- Edward Shippen
- John Dilwyn
- Joseph paschall

The Mayor & Comonalty met in Council this Day in order to Wait on the hon^{ble} Coll^{o} George Thomas, our Governour, who arrived in this Governm^{t} on thursday last, to Congratulate him on his Safe Arrival.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 3d Day of July A° 1738.

Present

Thomas Griffits, Esq^r, May^r
Andrew hamilton, Esq^r, Record^r
Samuel preston
Thomas Lawrence
George ffitzwater
Edward Roberts
} Esq^rs, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Jones
John Warder
Daniel Radley
Thomas Tresse
Ralph Assheton
James Steel
Edw^d shippen
John Dilwyn
Joseph paschall
} Com. Council.

The Mayor Acquainted the Board That Several of the Barbers of this City had Applyd to him to take proper Measures to prevent persons Exercising of that Trade on the ffirst day of the Week, called Sunday, And the Mayor desird the Opinion of the Board what measures woud be proper to be taken for preventing that practice for the future, The Board having taken the same into Consideration, do Order that Notice shoud be forthwith given to all persons exercising the sd Trade within this City to forbear following the Imploy on the sd day, or that the Law of this Province for restraining persons from working on the ffirst day of the Week shoud be Strictly put in Execucon ag^t them.

A Draught of an Ordinance for the better regulation & the more Effectual Suppressing Tumultuous Meetings & other disorderly doings of the Negroes, Mullato's & Indian Servants & Slaves within

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this City & Liberties thereof, was Read, & Several Amendments made, & it was ordered to be left to the further Consideration of the Board at their Next Meeting.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 3d Day of October Ao 1739.

Present

Thomas Griffitts, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew hamilton, Esqr, Recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- William Carter
- Samuel preston
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Hassell
- William Allen
- Anthony Morris
- George ffitzwater
- Edward Roberts

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Thomas Masters
- Alexander Woodroppe
- James Steel
- William Atwood
- Joseph Turner
- George Emlen
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Samuel Mickell
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Samll powell, jnr
- Robert Ellis

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The Board, pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, And Alderman Morris was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

Alderman Roberts, Samuel powell & Edward Shippen, were desir'd to wait on the Governr to know the time he will recieve this Board with the Mayr Elect to be Qualified, who returned & Acquainted the Board that the Govr was now ready to receive them.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philada the 16th Day of November Ao 1738.

Present

Anthony Morris, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew hamilton, Esqr, Recordr

Samuel preston
Thomas Lawrence
Samuel hassell
Isaac Norris
George ffitzwater
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Warder
Daniel Radley
Thomas Tresse
Ralph Assheton
Andrew Bradford
Robert Ellis
Alexander Woodroppe
James Steel
Edward Shippen
George house
John Dilwyn
Benj Shoemaker
Joseph Paschall
} Com. Council.

Israel Pemberton, John Jones & Peter Lloyd, having had the Corporation Accounts for several Years past to Settle, & no report being

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made to this Board of their proceedings, They are now ordered to Settle the s[d] Accounts with all Expedition, & return them to the next Meeting of this Board.

A Petition of Joseph Comley was read, Setting forth that about three Years Agoe he released one Martin ffarrell out of the Goal of this City, who was in Confinement for his ffine, amounting to Seven pounds ffifteen Shilling, due to this Corporation, & passed his Note to Septimus Robinson, the then Sherif, for the Same, that in a Short time after the s[d] ffarrells releasement, the sd ffarrell ran away from the Petitioner & that he shall be Obligd to pay the Money unless this Board woud be pleased to remit the sd ffine. The Board having taken the sd petition under Consideration, do remit the sd ffine.

The Petition of Thomas Russell was read, Setting forth that he was now Confined in the Goal of this City, for a ffine of Thirty ffive Shillings due to this Corporation, Praying this Board woud be pleased to Remit him the sd ffine. The Board having taken the sd petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do Remitt the sd ffine, on Condition that the said petitioner immediately leave this City, or give Security for his good behaviour if he continue to live in the same.

The Petition of John Jones was read, Setting fforth that he was Confined in Goal for a ffine of Twenty pounds due to this Corporation, which Money he was not able to pay, Praying this Board woud remit the sd ffine; the Board having taken the sd petition into Consideration, do Order that the Sherif do Dispose of the sd petitioner to Some person that will take him out of this Province for payment of his ffees, & take the sd petitioners Bond for the ffine due to this Corporation.

The Petition of John Smith was read, Setting fforth that he was Confined in prison for a ffine of ffifty pounds Sterling due to this

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Corporation, that he was in a very miserable Condition, having nothing to Support himself & no wise able to pay the sd ffine, Praying this Board woud be pleased to remit the Same. The Board having taken the sd petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do remit the sd ffine, & order that the Sherif Dispose of the sd petitioner to some Person out of this Province for payment of his ffees, & take the sd petitioners Bond for the ffine due to the Corporation.

The Petition of John ffordham was read, Setting fforth that he had been Confined in Goal ffive months for a ffine of Ten pounds due to the Corporation, that he was a Servant to one Noah pridham of this City, who refuses to relieve the sd petitioner, & that he is almost Naked for want of Apparell, & will not be able to live through the Cold Winter, praying this Board woud be pleased to remit the sd ffine, & make such order for his releasem^{t} as the sd Board shall see meet. The Board having taken the sd petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, & it appearing that the s^{d} Master refuses to release the sd Servant, do order that the Sherif dispose of the sd petitioner to some Person who will take him out of this Province for payment of his ffees, & take the sd Petitioners Bond for the ffine due to this Corporation.

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At a Common Council held for the City of Philad[a] the 28[th] Day of May A[o] 1739.

Present

Anthony Morris, Esq[r], May[r]
Andrew hamilton, Esq[r], record[r]

Esq[rs], Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hassell
- Isaac Norris
- Edward Roberts

Com. Council.
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Andrew Bradford
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- George Emlen
- George Mifflin
- Edward Shippen
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph paschall
- Samuel powell, jun[r]

The Persons appointed to Settle the Accounts of this Corporation Complaining that they Cannot get the Several persons who have Accounts with this Corporation to Attend the Settlement, The Treasurer is desired forthwith to lay the sd Accounts before the Comittee, & give Notice to the persons concerned to Attend the Settlement, And it is ordered that if the sd persons upon Notice given do not Attend in order to have their Accounts Adjusted, that then the sd Comittee do proceed to Settle the same and make report to this Board, that proper Measures may be taken for the recovery of the Moneys due to this Corporation.

Ralph Assheton, Clerk of the Comon Council, having Exhibited his Account of Services due in that Office from the Year One

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Thousand Seven hundred & Sixteen to this time, prays that the sum of Twenty pound p ann be Allowd him for the time of his Clerkship to this Day. And it being Considered by the Board, that no agreement having been made with the said Ralph Assheton at the time of his Entering upon his Office, he is Allowd the Sum of Twelve pounds p ann for the time he has Officiated as Clerk to the Mayor & Comonalty of this City, in full for Services in that Office.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 12th Day of Augt Ao 1739.

Present

Anthony Morris, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew hamilton, Esqr, Recordr

Samuel preston
Clement plumsted
Thomas Griffitts
Samuel hassell
Isaac Norris
Edward Roberts
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Warder
Daniel Radley
John Jones
Ralph Assheton
Peter Lloyd
Joseph Turner
George Mifflin
John Dilwyn
Joseph paschall
} Com. Council.

The Persons formerly Appointed to get Sassafrax Street, on both Sides where it Crosses Second Street near John Dilwyns Corner, Regulated & oblige the Persons, Proprietors of the Lotts to pave before the sd Lotts, having not Compleated the Same, It is now Ordered that James Parrock & John Dilwyn do See the same Compleated with all Expedition, & the Sum of ffive pounds is Allotted to be Laid out in Compleating the Same.

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The Persons Appointed to Settle the City Accounts having not ffinished the Same, It is ordered that they proceed to ffinish the sd Settlement forthwith, & make report the Next Council.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 2d Day of October A° 1739.

Present

Anthony Morris, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r} Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hassell
- George ffitzwater
- William Allen
- Isaac Norris
- Edward Roberts

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Thomas Tresse
- Ralph Assheton
- Thomas Masters
- Andrew Bradford
- Alexander Woodroppe
- James Steel
- William Atwood
- Joseph Turner
- George Emlen
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph paschall
- Samuel powell, jun^{r}

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The Board, pursuant to the busieness of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year & Alderman Roberts was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

William Till, Joshua Maddox, Nathaniel Allen, William Coleman, James hamilton & William plumsted are now Elected Comon Council Men by a Majority of Votes.

Alderman Norris & Joseph Turner are desired to wait on the Govern^{r} to know the time he will receive the Mayor Elect, to be Qualifyd, who returned & Acquainted the Board that he was ready to receive them.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 9th Day of Jan^{ry} A^{o} 1739.

Present

Edward Roberts, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Clement plumsted
Thomas Lawrence
Thomas Griffitts
Samuel Hassell
William Allen
} Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Ralph Assheton
Alex^{r} Woodroope
James Steel
Joseph Turner
Abraham Taylor
George Mifflin
Edward Shippen
George house
Samuel powell, jun^{r}
William Till
Joshua Maddox
William Coleman
James hamilton
W^{m} plumsted
} Com. Council.

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A Petition of John heathcoat was read, setting forth That some Years past he was Convicted of a Crime for which he had Suffered Corporal Punishment, & was fined in a large Sum of Money, for the payment of which he gave his Bond to this Corporation, that the sd Bond is now put in Suit agt him, & he being not able to pay the Moneys, Prayd this Board woud be pleased to remit the sd ffine. The Board having taken the sd petition into Consideration, do remit to the Petitioner the Interest due on the sd Bond.

The Board having now met in order to proceed on busieness of Importance to this Corporation, & there being several of the Members Absent, they adjourned to Two o Clock this Afternoon, And it is ordered that the Members now Absent have Notice given them to meet at the Time of sd Adjournmt.

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Post Meridiem.

Present

Edward Roberts, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hassell
- William Allen

Com. Council.
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Ralph Assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- James Steel
- William Atwood
- Joseph Turner
- Abraham Taylor
- John White
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph paschall
- Samuel powell, jun^{r}
- William Till
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- James hamilton
- William plumsted

The Recorder laid before the Board a Copy of a Petition Signed by several of the Inhabitants of this City to the Assembly now Sitting, Setting forth That by an Act of Assembly of this Province, (Intitled An Act for raising Money on the Inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia for the Publick Use, & Benefit thereof,) It is Enacted that the Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen, or a Majority of them, with

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the Assessors, shall Calculate the Publick Debts, & what Moneys may be necessary to be raised on the Inhabitants, but that the difficulty of getting together the several Magistrates to Act in conjunction with the Assessors so frequently as is Necessary, occasions not only delay in their Affairs but Loss of their Money, by not having their Accounts timely Adjusted, & their Taxes duly Collected, some of which have been several Years Collecting, & not yet Compleated, & some Ballances have been long due, while many Persons refuse to pay & yet are out of the reach of the Law, for the reasons aforesd, Praying the Assembly to grant them the Priviledge of Chusing Commissioners to Act with the Assessors, as in the County, with such powers, and under Such restrictions & regulations as the sd Assembly Shoud See Meet. And it Appearing to this Board that the sd petition is altogether Groundless, & that the Allegations therein cannot be Supported by the sd petitioners, And that if an Act shoud pass According to the prayer of the petition, (a Bill being orderd for that purpose to be drawn by a Comittee of Assembly) it would be a great Infringement on the Priviledges granted this Corporation by Charter, the Board are of Opinion that an Application be immediately made to the Assembly that they woud give the Magistrates an Opportunity at Such time as they shoud think proper to Acquit themselves of the Unjust Charge intended against them in the s^{d} petition, And at the Same time Allow the Mayor & Commonalty to be heard in Defence of their Just rights and priviledges, And a Remonstrance for that purpose from this Board to the Assembly was drawn, which being read & approved, It is Ordered That Alderman Griffitts, Alderman Hassell, Samuel Powell, jun^{r}, & Nathaniel Allen, wait on the Assembly to morrow at Eleven o'Clock in the forenoon, & present the sd Remonstrance.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 22d Day of January Ao 1739.

Present

Edward Roberts, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew hamilton, Esqr, recordr

Esqrs Aldermen.
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hassell
- George Fitzwater
- William Allen

Com. Council.
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Ralph Assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- William Atwood
- Joseph Turner
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- Samuel Powell, junr
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- James hamilton
- William Plumsted

The Recorder Acquainted the Board that Notwithstanding the late remonstrance of the Corporation to the Assembly, & the Magistrates having fully Acquitted themselves before the house, of the Unjust Charge set forth in the Petition against them, And that Notwithstanding, upon the hearing before the house, this Board had Insisted that if an Act shoud pass pursuant to the Prayer of the Petition, it woud be an Infringement on their rights & priviledges, & a Violation of the Charter to this Corporation, The Assem-

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bly had passed a Bill, which now Lay before the Governour for his Assent, which Bill if it shoud be passed into a Law, would not only Create great Disquiet & Confusion in Carrying on the Regulations of this City, both in its Buildings, Streets, Wharfs, Landings & Docks, but in its Consequence affect the whole powers of the Corporation & totally defeat the good Ends and Purposes for which the sd Charter was granted. The Board having taken the premises into Consideration were of Opinion that it was proper for this Board immediately to petition his honr the Governr, that the Magistrates may be heard before him as to the Allegations against them in the sd petition upon which the sd Bill is founded, And Likewise that this Board may be heard as to the parts of the sd Bill that Affect the Rights of this Corporation, Upon which a petition was drawn for that purpose, & being read after Some Amendments made, was Ordered to be Engrost, And Alderman Allen, Alderman ffitzwater, together with Abraham Taylor, John White, William Atwood & Edward Shippen, were Appointed to Wait on the Governr this afternoon at three o'Clock, & present the sd petition.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 18th day of ffebruary A° 1739.

Present

Edward Roberts, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}
Clement Plumsted
Thomas Lawrence } Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
Samuel hassell

Com. Council.
Peter Stretch
John Warder
Andrew Bradford
Ralph Assheton
Robert Ellis
Alexander Woodroppe
James Steel
Joseph Turner
George Mifflin
Edward Shippen
George house
John Dilwyn
Benj^{a} Shoemaker
Joseph Paschall
Samuel Powell, jun^{r}
Joshua Maddox
Nathaniel Allen
William Coleman
James hamilton
William plumsted

Joshua Maddox & William Coleman are Appointed in the room of John Jones to Settle the Accounts of this Corporation.

Ralph Assheton, Clerk of this Board, Applying for payment of some part of the Moneys due to him from the Corporation for his Sallary Settled by this Board, It is Ordered that the Treasurer pay

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to the sd Ralph Assheton, the Sum of Eighty pounds in part of his Account.

Anthony Nichols having some time past Exhibited an Account Amounting to Two pounds Seven Shillings for work done to one of the Fire Engines of this City, the sd Account is now Allow'd, & the Treasurer is ordered to pay the Same.

Upon the petition of John Joyner, setting forth That he is Informd that this Board intend to remove Peter Cahoon, one of the persons Appointed Wood Corder at high Street Wharf, praying this Board that, if the sd Peter shoud be removed, they would be pleased to Appoint him in his Stead, the Board having taken the sd Petition into Consideration, & Approving of the sd John Joyners Conduct at Mulberry Wharf, for which he was formerly Appointed, And there being some Complaints agt. the sd peter Cahoon, do now Appoint the sd John Joyner wood Corder at high Street Wharf, in the room of the sd Peter Cahoon.

Upon the Petition of Elinor Douglass, setting forth she was Convicted at Last October Sessions for a Crime, for which she had Suffered Punishment, that she now Lay in Prison for a fine of Twenty pounds due to this Corporation, & was not able to pay the same, Praying this Board woud remit the sd ffine, The Board having taken the petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do order that the Sherif take her Bond for the sd ffine, & if she doth not immediately depart this Province, that the sd Bond be put in Suit.

Richard Howard Petitioning that a ffine of ffifty pounds set upon him the Last July Sessions may be remitted, he being not able to pay same or any part thereof, It is ordered that the Sherif take his Bond, & that the petitioner immediately depart this Province or the sd Bond be put in Suit.

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Upon the Petition of Mary Richy, Setting forth that she was ffined Last October Court in the sum of Two pounds, for keeping a publick house without Lycence, praying this Board woud take her Circumstances into Consideration, she being not Able to pay the Same, & remit y^e^ sd Fine, It is ordered that the sd Fine be remitted on her paym^t^ of the Costs of prosecution.

Upon the Petition of Abigal petrean, Setting fforth That her Serv^t^ Hannah Elliot was ffined in the Sum of Twenty Nine pounds ffourteen Shillings & Six pence last January Sessions for ffeloniously stealing several Goods; that the sd Serv^t^ is not able to pay the sd Fine or any part thereof, & if the sd petitioner coud obtain the ffavour of this Board to remit y^e^ s^d^ Fine, she woud Endeavour to dispose of the sd Serv^t^ out of this Province, The Board having taken the sd petition into Consideration, do order that the sd Fine be remitted on the sd Serv^t^ being sent out of the sd province.

Upon the Petition of William Smith, Setting fforth that he was ffined last Sessions in the Sum of ffive pounds for an Assault on one Abraham Carlisle, that he was not able to pay the same, having no means to Subsist himself but by his hard Labour, Praying this Board woud take his Circumstances into Consideration, & remit the sd ffine, The Board having taken the same under Consideration, do remit to the sd William one Moiety of the sd Fine.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 7th day of October A° 1740.

Present

Andrew hamilton, Esq^r Record^r

Esq^rs, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel Hassell
- George Fitzwater
- William Allen
- Isaac Norris
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Samuel Carpenter
- Israel Pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Robert Ellis
- Andrew Bradford
- James Steel
- Peter Lloyd
- William Atwood
- Joseph Turner
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Samuel Mickell
- Edw^d Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benj^a Shoemaker
- Joseph Pascall
- Samuel Powell, jun^r
- William Till
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- James hamilton

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The Mayor being Sick & not able to Attend, the Board, pursuant to the busieness of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & Alderman Hassell was Elected by a Majority of Votes, & Alderman Griffitts, Joseph Turner & James Hamilton are ordered to Wait on the Governr to know when he will receive the Mayr Elect to be Qualified, Who returnd & acquainted the Board the Govr was ready to receive them.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 13th Day October Aº 1740.

Present

Samuel Hassell, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew Hamilton, Esqr, Recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- William Allen
- Anthony Morris
- George ffitzwater

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- Israel Pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Andrew Bradford
- Peter Lloyd
- Robert Ellis
- Joseph Turner
- John White
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickell
- Edward Shippen
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph Paschall
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- James hamilton

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The Board now took into Consideration the placing of moving Stalls on the East Side of the Court house, as far as Laetitia Court, & there being formerly a Model prepared by a Comittee Appointed by the Board for that purpose, & the Winter Season being far Advanced, so that the same cannot be paved, It is the opinion of this Board that the Middle of the Street, from the Pillory to the sd Laetitia Court be forthwith posted & Gravelled the Breadth of Twenty ffoot, And The Mayor, Alderman Plumsted, Alderman Lawrence, Alderman Fitzwater, Israel pemberton & George Mifflin are Appointed to get the same immediately posted & Gravelld, & bring in a Modell to this Board of the sd Stalls intended to be Erected.

The Leasing of the Ferry of this City to the Jerseys, being now under Consideration, It is the Opinion of the Board That the Mayor forthwith Advertise in the publick papers the Letting of the sd Ferry, & take proposalls.

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At a Comon Councill held for the City of Philadelphia the 20th Day of January A° 1740.

Present

Samuel Hassell, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- William Allen
- Isaac Norris
- Anthony Morris
- George ffitzwater

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Dan^{ll} Radley
- Ralph Assheton
- Alex^{r} Woodroppe
- Robert Ellis
- James Steel
- Peter Lloyd
- Joseph Turner
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Samuel Mickell
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph Pascall
- Samuel powell, jun^{r}
- William Till
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman

The Board being Acquainted with Several poor persons in this City who have no Supply from the Overseers of the poor, are under very great Want of ffire Wood, as also provisions in this Extremity of Weather, & not able to Supply themselves. The

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Board having taken the Same into Consideration, are of Opinion that in order to releive the present Necessities, it may be proper that some persons of this Board be Appointed to join with other Inhabitants of this City to make a Collection of the Charity of the Inhabitants towards their present Relief & Support, & the Persons following were Appointed for that purpose, viz^{t}: For Upper Delaware Ward William Till & Thomas Bourne, Lower Delaware Ward John White & Richard Sowell, High Street Ward Nathaniel Allen & William Cooper, Chesnut Ward Joshua Maddox & Robert Strittle, Walnut Ward Sam^{ll} Mickell & Daniel Radley, Dock Ward Samuel powell, jun^{r} & Joseph Shippen, North Ward Benjamin Shoemaker & Richard parker, South Ward George house & James Bambridge, Middle Ward John Warder & hugh Roberts, Mulberry Ward Septimus Robinson & William parsons.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 23d Day of January Ao 1740.

Present

Samuel hassell, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew hamilton, Esqr, recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- William Allen
- George ffitzwater
- Anthony Morris

Comn. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Robert Ellis
- Alexander Woodroppe
- James Steel
- Peter Lloyd
- Joseph Turner
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Abraham Taylor
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Samuel powell, junr
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- James hamilton

The persons appointed at the last Council, now report That they had proceeded to make Collections towards the Support of the poor of this City that have no relief from the Overseers, & that inclusive of the Sum of £61 10, Subscribed by this Board, they had Collected, Vizt: from

Upper Delaware Ward, ...	£	5	5	0
Lower Delaware Ward, . . .	33	3	2	

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High Street Ward, ...	10	12	6
Chesnut Ward, ...	25	8	0
Walnut Ward, ...	13	9	0
Dock Ward, ...	61	8	0
North Ward, ...	19	16	10
South Ward, ...	14	10	3
Middle Ward, ...	10	6	7
Mulberry Ward, ...	10	14	9
	£204	14	1

It is Ordered That the Collectors of the above money do Distribute the same to such persons as they shall find to be proper Objects of Charity, & make report of their proceedings to this Board.

A Petition of Terence Rourk, setting forth that he was fined at the Last Sessions of this City in the Sum of ffive pounds, for Comitting an Assault & Battery, that he now lies Confind in the Goal of this City for the Same, & not able to pay the sd ffine, The Board having taken the sd Petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do remit the sd Fine upon his paying the Costs of Prosecution & giving security for his good Behaviour.

Upon the Petition of Robert Godgeon & Samuel Wickens, setting forth that they were fin'd the Last Sessions each in the sum of ten pounds, & that they now lye in the Goal of this City for the Same, that they are not able to pay the sd ffine, praying this Board woud be pleased to remit the same. The Board having taken the sd Petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do order that the Sherif take the sd petitioners Bonds for the sd Fines, & that they be Discharged on paying the Costs & giving Security for their good Behaviour.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 23d Day of March Ao 1740.

Present

Samuel hassell, Esqr, Mayr
Andrew hamilton, Esqr, recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- George ffitzwater
- William Allen
- Anthony Morris

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Andrew Bradford
- Alexander Woodroppe
- James Steel
- William Atwood
- Joseph Turner
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- John White
- Samuel Mickell
- Edward Shippen
- George House
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph paschal
- Samuel powell junr
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Till
- William Coleman
- James hamilton

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The Board having now taken into Consideration the Term of Years proper to give a Lease for on the Ferry from this City to William Coopers, in the Jerseys, do agree that the Lease shall not Exceed Seven Years, And that the Ferry be Erected pursuant to the Proprietors Grant to William Coopers Landing only.

The Mayor, Alderman Preston, Alderman Plumsted, William Atwood & Samuel powell, jun^{r}, are appointed to treat with William Rawle about the rent of the Ferry, & Agree with him for the sd Ferry upon a lease of Seven Years, & make report of the Terms they shall agree upon to the next Council.

Upon the Petition of Joseph Wilson, setting forth that he was fin'd last July Sessions in the Sum of Seven pounds, & that he now lies in Goal for the same, & not able to pay the Money, praying this Board woud take his Circumstances into Consideration, & remit the sd ffine. The Board having taken the sd petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do Order that the Sherif take the sd petitioners Bond for the sd ffine, & upon payment of the Costs of prosecution & leaving this Province, he be Discharged.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philad^{a} the 18th Day of June A^{o} 1741.

Present

Samuel Hassell, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, record^{r}
Sam^{ll} preston, Thomas Lawrence, William Allen } Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Com. Council.
Peter Stretch
Daniel Radley
Israel pemberton
Ralph Assheton
James Steel
Peter Lloyd
Joseph Thurner
Abraham Taylor
George Mifflin
Samuel Mickell
Edward Shippen
John Dilwyn
Joseph paschall
Nath^{ll} Allen

The Board having taken into Consideration the Currency of the English half pence, & the Disquiet that is among the Inhabitants Occasiond by some persons refusing to take them, as was lately Agreed at a Meeting of the Merchants & others, & shoud the Same be Lowered as Intended, by Some at Eighteen to the Shilling, it woud be a means of having them carried out of the province, & persons trading woud be at Loss to make small Change. The Board thought proper that a Declaration shoud be made publick by this Board that the sd half pence shoud be taken at Fifteen to the Shilling, which is Adjudged to be nearest to such Value, as might discourage too great a Quantity being Imported, & at the Same time prevent their being Carried away, & a Declaration for that purpose was ordered to be Drawn, & that the Same shoud be published in this City by the Beadle.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philad^{a}
the 7th day of Aug A^{o} 1741.

Present

Samuel hasell, Esq^{r}, May^{r}

. . . .

Esq^{r}, Aldermen.

Samuel preston
Clement plumsted
Thomas Lawrence
Thomas Griffitts
George ffitzwater
William Allen
Isaac Norris
Anthony Morris

Com. Council.

Peter Stretch
John Jones
Daniel Radley
Samuel Carpenter
Israel pemberton
Ralph Assheton
Andrew Bradford
Alexander Woodroppe
James Steel
Rob^{t} Ellis
William Atwood
Joseph Turner
George Emlen
Abraham Taylor
George Mifflin
John White
Samuel Mickell
Edward Shippen
George House
John Dilwyn
Benj^{a} Shoemaker
Joseph Paschall
Samuel powell, jun^{r}
William Till
Joshua Maddox
Nath^{ll} Allen
W^{m} Coleman
James hamilton
William plumsted

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The Board met this Day to Elect a Recorder in the Room of Andrew hamilton, Esq^{r}, Dec^{d}, & William Allen, Esq^{r}, was Elected by a Majority of Votes, & was Qualified Accordingly.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 17th Day of August A^{o} 1741.

Present

Samuel hassell, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen. Esq^{r}, record^{r}
Clem^{t} plumsted
Thomas Lawrence
Thomas Griffitts
George ffitzwater

Com. Council.
Peter Stretch
John Jones
John Warder
Dan^{ll} Radley
Israel pemberton
Ralph Assheton
Andrew Bradford
Robert Ellis
Peter Lloyd
Alexander Woodroppe
William Atwood
George Mifflin
Samuel Mickell
Edward Shippen
George house
John Dilwyn
Benjamin Shoemaker
Joseph Paschall
Samuel powell, jun^{r}
William Till
Joshua Maddox
William Coleman
James hamilton
William plumsted

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The Board having taken into Consideration the Letting of the New Stalls lately Erected between the Court house & Laetitia Court, & some persons Applying to take the sd Stalls on a rent, & put them up & take them down, & keep the pavement Clear, Alderman Lawrence, Alderman ffitzwater, Benjamin Shoemaker, Joseph paschall, Samuel powell, junr, George Mifflin & William Till, are Appointed to take proposalls for Letting the Same, & Lay the proposals before the Next Councill.

There having been Some Riots lately Comitted in this City, in order Speedily & effectually to prevent the Like for the future, It is the Opinion of this Board that upon any Such disorders that shall happen, that the Members of this Corporation immediately repair to the Mayors house, & bring there Such of the Inhabitants of this City as they Can, in order to Suppress such Riots.

Frequent Complaints having been made to this Board that many Disorderly persons Meet every Evening about the Court House of this City, & great numbers of Negroes & other Set there with Milk pails & other things late at Night, & many Disorders are there Comitted against the peace & Good Government of this City, The Board having taken the same into Consideration, Do Order that all persons depart thence in half an hour after Sun Set, And that the Constables of the sd City be charged by the Magistrates to disperse all persons that shall Meet there after the time aforesd, And if they refuse to Depart, to bring the persons refusing before any of the Magistrates of this City, to answer their refusal & Misbehaviour.

Ralph Assheton, Clerk of this Board, now applying for part of the Debt due to him from this Corporation, It is ordered that the Moneys due to the Corporation from the Vendue Master & the Sherif of the sd City, be Collected & paid him, & that the Moneys in the hands of the Treasurer, or shall come to his hands, be also paid him to make up the Sum of One hundred pounds in part of his Demand.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 6th Day of October A° 1741.

Present

Samuel Hasell, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- Anthony Morris
- George Fitzwater
- Isaac Norris

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Jones
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Andrew Bradford
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- James Steel
- Robert Ellis
- William Atwood
- Joseph Turner
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickell
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joseph Paschall
- Samuel powell, jun^{r}
- William Till
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- James hamilton
- William plumsted

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The Board, pursuant to the Business of y^e^ Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & Alderman plumsted is Elected by a Majority of Votes.

Benjamin Shoemaker, William Till, Joseph Turner & James hamilton, are now Elected Aldermen by a Majority of Votes.

Robert Strettle, William parsons, Andrew Hamilton, Samuel Roades & Thomas Hopkinson are now Elected Comon Council Men of this City, by a Majority of Votes.

Abraham Taylor & James hamilton are ordered to wait on y^e^ Govern^r^, to know the time he will receive the Mayor Elect, to be Qualifyd, Who returned & Acquainted the Board that the Govern^r^ was now ready.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philad^{a} the 18th day of Jan^{ry} A^{o} 1741.

present

Clement plumsted, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hasell
- George fitzwater
- Anthony Morris
- William Till
- Joseph Turner
- James hamilton

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Andrew Bradford
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- Robert Ellis
- William Atwood
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- Edward Shippen
- Samuel Mickell
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- William plumsted
- Robert Strettle
- Sam^{ll} Roades
- Thomas Hopkinson
- Andrew hamilton

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The Board being Informed that the Bucketts of this City, belonging to the Publick, are very much out of repair, & that there woud be a great want of Bucketts if a Fire shoud happen, It is ordered that Alderman Turner, John Dilwyn & Thomas hopkinson do View the sd Bucketts, & get Such of them as shall want repair immediately repaired, & make report of their proceedings to the next Council.

Samuel Roads & William Coleman are Appointed to View the Fire Engines belonging to this City, & get them repaired & put in good Order forthwith, & make report to the next Council.

Ordered that the Mayor, Alderman preston, Alderman Lawrence & Alderman Morris do treat with the Assessors of this City about raising Money for repairing of Bucketts, ffire Engines, & other Necessary Uses of this City.

Upon the Petition of Nicholas Scull, Setting fforth that he is Informed that this Board intends to remove the Officer for Measuring of Grain imported into this City, Praying this Board woud, in Case of such removal, Appoint him for the said Office, The Board having taken the said petition into Consideration, & Some Objections being made ag^{t} the Present Officer, John Armit, by some Members of this Board, for being Negligent in his Duty in the sd Office, It was moved that it shoud be put to the Vote if the sd John Armit shoud be removed from the same, & it being Carried by a Majority, that the sd John Armit shoud be removed, the sd Nicholas Scull was Appointed in his Room & Stead, by a Majority of Votes.

Ordered that the sd Nicholas Scull, Measurer of Grain in this City, shall not Appoint any Deputy in sd Office, but such as shall be Approved of by the Mayor for the time being, & two of the Aldermen, And that such Deputy, when Approved of, shall be Qualifyd by the Mayor to Discharge their Office faithfully.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 15th Day of ffebry Ao 1741.

Present

Clement plumsted, Esqr, Mayr
William Allen, Esqr, Recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hassell
- Isaac Norris
- William Till
- Joseph Turner

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- William Atwoood
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickell
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Samll powell, junr
- Joshua Maddox
- William plumsted
- Robert Strettle
- Thomas hopkinson
- Andrew hamilton
- William parsons
- William Coleman
- Samuel Roads

A Petition of several Merchants, Shopkeepers & Traders, was read, Setting fforth That the publick Vendues as now Managed, by Vending & Retailing Goods, Wares & Merchandise, in Small Quantities, are very prejudicial, & great Greviance to the trading part of

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the Inhabitants of this City, praying the Board woud take the Same into Consideration, & Ascertain the Value under which no Lot or Parcell of Goods or Merchandise shall be Exposd to Sale. The Board having taken y^{e} sd petition into Consideration, do Order that the Vendue Master, for the ffuture, do not Sell any Goods at Vendue under the Value of fforty Shillings, Except Wearing Apparel or second hand Goods, & except as the Law for regulating Vendues is Excepted.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia y^{e} 12th Day of March A^{o} 1742.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hassell
- Joseph Turner
- James hamilton

Com. Council.
- Daniel Radley
- Ralph Assheton
- George Mifflin
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Nathaniel Allen
- John Dilwyn
- Edward Shippen
- William plumsted
- William Coleman
- Samuel Roads
- Joshua Maddox
- William parsons
- Thomas hopkinson
- Robert Strettle

The Mayor Acquainted the Board that he, with several of the Magistrates of this City had lately a Meeting with y^{e} City Asses-

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sors, & represented to them the presentments lately made by the Grand Jury of this City, of Several Streets in the sd City, wanting repairs, & that the sd Assessors had Agreed to raise a Tax for Making the sd Repairs, And the Mayor proposed that some persons shoud be Appointed to See the sd repairs well & Effectually done, & the persons following were Appointed.

The Mayor, Anthony Morris & Samuel powell, for y^{e} repair of the Bridge at y^{e} South End of ffront Street, near y^{e} Dock

John Dilwyn, Edward Warner & Edmond Woolley, for the Repair of Sassafrax Street & Second Street, by John Dilwyns Corner.

Alderman Griffitts & Joseph Oldman, for repair of ffront Street, near the Bank Meeting house & Bickleys Corner, in ffront Street.

The Board having taken into Consideration the Laying out of Dock Street, lately ordered by Warrant, from the Proprietor, It is ordered That the Mayor, Record^{r}, William Atwood, William Coleman, Samuel powell & Samuel Roads, do Assist y^{e} Survey^{r} General in Laying out y^{e} Same.

It appearing to this Board by the Accounts now Exhibited by the Treasurer of this Corporation, that there is a Ballance in his hands Arising from the Cordage of Wood on the Publick Wharfs of this City, And the Board having taken into Consideration that the Moneys arising from Wharfage of Wood, ought to be Applyd after the sd Wharfs are repaired, to the Use & Benefit of the sd City, It is agreed that as y^{e} Wharfs at present want no Repair, the sd Bal-

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lance be Applyd Accordingly, in such Manner as this Board & the Assessors of this City shall hereafter Direct.

It is ordered that the persons Appointed for agreeing for the rent of the Stalls, lately Erected between the Court house & Letitia Court make report of the proceedings to the next Council.

The May^{r} acquainted the Board that Patrick Baird, the Present Vendue Master, had Offered to pay for the Stall under the Court house, after y^{e} Rate of Twenty ffive pounds p ann, It is the Opinion of the Majority of the Board that the sd Sum be Accepted, & the sd Stall is now let to y^{e} sd Patrick Baird at the sd rate of Twenty ffive pounds p ann.

Ordered that the Sum of Seventy pounds be paid by the Treasurer of this Board to Charles Stow, towards pay^{mt} of the Debt due from this City, for keeping the Watch house & providing ffire for the Watch, out of the Ballance that now is in his hands, Arising from the Cordage of Wood on the Publick Wharfs of this City.

The persons appointed to Settle the Accounts of this Corporation, are required forthwith to Settle y^{e} Same, & make report to this Board as soon as the Same are fully Settled.

Ordered that the Moneys Arising from the Cordage of Wood on the publick Wharfs of this City, after the sd Wharfs are repaird, be hereafter Applyd in such manner as this Board & the Assessors of this City, from time to time, direct.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 9th Day of Augt Ao 1742.

Present

Clement plumsted, Esqr, Mayr
William Allen, Esqr, Recordr
Thomas Griffitts
Samuel hassell
William Till
Joseph Turner
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
Daniel Radley
Israel pemberton
Ralph Assheton
George Mifflin
Edward Shippen
John Dilwyn
Samuel Powell, junr
Joshua Maddox
Robert Strettle
Thomas Hopkinson
Samuel Roads
} Com. Council.

The Board having taken into Consideration that there are not a Sufficient Number of Regulators to regulate the Streets of this City, The persons following were appointed for that purpose, Vizt, the Mayor & Recorder for the time being, George Fizwater, Israel pemberton, Edward Warner, William parsons, Samuel powell, Senr, Samuel Roads, Edward Shippen & Thomas Hart, And it is ordered that all Regulations be made by Some ffour of them, the Mayor or Recorder being one of the Number.

The persons formerly Appointed to agree with William Rawle, about the rent of the Ferry from this City to William Cooper's, in the Jerseys, Now report that they have Agreed with William Rawle for the rent of the sd Ferry at the rate of Thirty pounds p ann, &

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that the Lease was made to the sd William Rawle for the Same, for the Term Commencing the day of

The Board having taken into Consideration the great Danger the Inhabitants of this City are in by means of Carts & Carriages driving through the Streets at the Market place on Market Day, to prevent the Mischief that may Ensue, It is ordered that proper Iron Chains be provided to Stop the passage of Carts & Carriages through the Market place. Which Chains are to be put up on Market Days at Sun rise, & Continue till Ten o'Clock in the Summer, & Eleven in the Winter, in the fforenoon, And Alderman Hassell, George Mifflin & Samuel Roads, are Appointed to get the sd Chains made & ffixt with all Expedition, And it is ordered that publick Notice thereof be given ffour Market Days before the sd Chains are fixed.

A Petition of James Collins was read, Setting fforth That he was ffined in the Sum of ffive pounds for keeping a publick house without Lycence, Praying this Court woud be pleased to remit the sd ffine. The Board having taken the sd Petitioners Circumstances into Consideration do Order the Sherif to take the sd petitioners Bond to the Corporation for the sd ffine.

Edmond Windor Applying to this Board for payment of his Account now Exhibited for paveing the Street near the Market place of this City, Amounting to £8 15 3, It is ordered that the Treasurer pay the sd Edmond Windor the Sum of £8 15 3, it being for the Conveniency of the New Market lately Erected.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 5th Day of October A° 1742.

Present

Clement Plumsted, Esq, Mayr
William Allen, Esqr, recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel preston
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hassell
- Isaac Norris
- George ffitzwater
- Joseph Turner
- James hamilton
- Benja Shoemaker

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Alexander Woodroppe
- Peter Lloyd
- William Atwood
- George Emlen
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickle
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Samuel powell, junr
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- Robert Strettle
- William parsons
- Andrew hamilton
- Samuel Roads
- Thomas hopkinson

The Board, pursuant to the Busieness of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & Alderman Till was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

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Aldermen Turner & Shoemaker, Andrew hamilton & Thomas hopkinson, are Appointed to Wait on the Govern^{r} & Acquaint him that the Board had Elected a May^{r} for the Ensuing Year, & that the May^{r} Elect was so Indisposed that he with the Board coud not Wait on the Govern^{r}, & desire that the Govern^{r} woud be pleased to grant a Dedimus to Qualify the May^{r}, the sd persons returnd & Acquainted the Board that the Govern^{r} woud grant a Dedimus to the record^{r} to Qualify the May^{r}.

Joseph Morris, Joseph Shippen, Joshua Emlen, Richard Nixon, Samuel Austin & Isaac Jones, are Elected Comon Council Men of this City by a Majority of Votes.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philad^{a} y^{e} 28th day of Janry A^{o} 1742.

Present

William Till, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Clement Plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hassell
- George ffitzwater
- James hamilton
- Benj^{a} Shoemaker

Com. Council.
- Daniel Radley
- Ralph Assheton
- William Atwood
- George Mifflin
- Nath^{ll} Allen
- Edw^{d} Shippen
- George house
- Samuel powell, jun^{r}
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- William plumsted
- William parsons
- Andrew hamilton
- Samuel Roads
- Thomas hopkinson
- Robert Strettle
- Joseph Morris
- Joseph Shippen
- Richard Nixon
- Samuel Austin
- Isaac Jones

Joseph Morris, Joseph Shippen, Richard Nixon, Samuel Austin & Isaac Jones, were now Qualifyd Comon Council Men of this City.

The Mayor laid before the Board the presentment of the last Grand Jury of this City in relation to the Conduct of the Watch, in Which is set forth that the Watch for some time past has been a

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great Expence to the Inhabitants, & the Charge thereof Unequal & Grevious to the poorer part of the Citizens, And that a less Sum than what is Yearly Collected on that Account, Raised by an equal Assessment & properly Managed, might in a short time be sufficient to build a Convenient Watch house & Support a Stated Watch, who woud be more diligent & Carefull, & go their hourly rounds in every Ward during the whole Night, & be a much better Security to this City, requesting that the persons in whose power the regulation of the sd Watch was Invested, woud take it into Consideration that the Inhabitants may be no longer Burthen'd with so Considerable an Expence without producing some real Advantages. The Board having taken y^e^ sd presentment into Consideration, do Appoint The Mayor, Aldermen Plumsted & Griffitts, Samuel powell, Edward Shippen, William Coleman & Thomas hopkinson, a Committee to draw up a proper scheme for the better regulation of the sd Watch, who are to Lay the Same before the next Council.

It is Ordered that Samuel powell, jun^r^, & Samuel Roads do View & Examine the Fire Engines belonging to this City, & make report to the Magistrates & Assessors at their next meeting, in what condition the sd Engines are, & what repairs are Wanting.

Upon the Petition of Abraham Cribb, Setting forth that he was Indicted with Several others at a Court of Record held for this City in November last, for Comitting a riot on the ffirst day of October Last, that he was Unwarily led among the Sailors that Day, & had no Intention to Comit any Violence, Praying the Board woud take his Circumstances into Consideration, he being a poor Sailor & not able to pay the ffine of Ten pounds. The Board having taken the sd petition into Consideration, do remit ffive pounds of the sd Fine.

A Petition of Michael Lester was read, Setting fforth that he was ffined at a Court of Record held in November last, in the Sum of

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Ten pounds for Comitting a riot on the ffirst day of October last, that he was the apprentice of John Spring, dec'd, And that he now remains in the Goal for the sd ffine, being not Able to pay the same, Praying this Board woud be pleased to take his Circumstances into Consideration, being Unwarily Led into the riot, & remit the sd ffine. The Board having taken the sd petition into Consideration, do remit one Moiety of the sd Fine.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia y^{e} 7th day of ffeb^{ry} A^{o} 1742-3.

Present

William Till, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Clement plumsted
- Samuel Hassell
- George ffitzwater
- James hamilton
- Benj^{a} Shoemaker

Com. Council.
- Ralph Assheton
- Robert Ellis
- Nath^{ll} Allen
- Edw^{d} Shippen
- George house
- Sam^{ll} powell, jun^{r}
- Sam^{ll} Roades
- William Coleman
- Thomas hopkinson
- Richard Nixon
- Samuel Austin
- Joseph Shippen
- Isaac Jones

The Comittee Appointed at the last Council to Draw up a scheme for the better regulation of the Watch of this City, now make report that they had Drawn a Scheme for that purpose, & now laid the same before the Board, Which was Approved of by the Board.

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It appearing to the Board that the Scheme now produced by the Comittee cannot as yet be put in practice, the Board was of Opinion that some proper Measures shoud be taken to regulate the Watch for the present, & the Same is left to the Consideration of the next Council.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 14th Day of February A° 1742–3.

Present

William Till, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel hassell
- George ffitzwater
- Joseph Turner
- Benj^{a} Shoemaker

Com. Council.
- Daniel Radley
- John Warder
- Ralph Assheton
- Peter Lloyd
- Robert Ellis
- George Mifflin
- Edward Shippen
- George house
- John Dilwyn
- Nath^{ll} Allen
- Sam^{ll} powell, jun^{r}
- Joshua Maddox
- William Coleman
- Robert Strettle
- Thomas hopkinson
- Samuel Roads
- William parsons
- Joseph Shippen
- Joseph Morris
- Richard Nixon
- Joshua Emlen

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The Board having again taken into Consideration the regulation of the Watch of this City, And it being put to the Vote if a Stated Watch, to be paid by the Inhabitants of this City, woud not be a more Effectual Method to regulate the sd Watch, It was the Unanimous Opinion of the Board that the Obtaining a Stated Watch woud be the most Effectual Method, And it is the Opinion of this Board that Application be made to the Assembly at their next meeting, for Leave to bring in a Bill for Erecting a Stated Watch, And the Mayor, Alderman Plumsted, Alderman Griffitts, Samuel powell, jun^{r}, Edward Shippen, William Coleman & Thomas hopkinson, are Appointed a Comittee to prepare a Bill for that purpose.

It being suggested by a Member of this Board that there were several Squares in this City Granted, or intended to be granted, by the proprietor to this Corporation in the ffirst Plan of this City, It is orderd that Alderman ffitzwater, John Dilwyn & George Miffln, do Inquire into what right the Corporation have to the sd Squares, & make report to the next Council.

Upon the Petition of Samuel Powell & Samuel powell, jun^{r}, Setting forth that about Eight Years agoe, the passages & Streets from ffront Street to plum Street, on the South Side of the Dock, were not passable or Convenient for the necessary Use & Service of the Inhabitants, That they at their own Expence built the publick Wharf & regulated the Streets, & that the sd Wharfe was now become of Comon Use and Benefit to the sd City, & that they had received no Consideration from this City for the Necessary Improvements, Praying this Board woud grant them a Term of Years of sd Wharfe, & power to receive Wharfage from all persons occupying the s^{d} Wharfe, under such restrictions & Limitations as the Board shoud think proper. It is ordered that Alderman Fitzwater, Alderman Turner & Nathaniel Allen, do Value y^{e} sd Improvem^{ts} & make report to the Magistrates & Assessors at their next Meeting.

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Edward Shippen & John Dilwyn, are now Appointed in the room of Israel pemberton to Settle & Adjust the Accounts of this Corporation, & the Comittee of sd Accots are Desired to ffinish the Settlemt of sd Accots, & make report as soon as possible.

A Petition of Sarah Delany was read, Setting forth that she is now Confined in prison for a ffine due to this Corporation, & that she is not Able to pay the Same, It is ordered that the sd ffine be remitted on her immediately Leaving this Province.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philadª
the 2d day of May Aº 1743.

Present

William Till, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, recordr
Samuel Hassell
George Fitzwater
Joseph Turner
Benjª Shoemaker
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

Ralph Assheton
Edward Shippen
Joshua Maddox
William Coleman
Samuel Roads
Andrew Hamilton
Thomas Hopkinson
William Parsons
Joshua Emlen
Joseph Morris
} Com. Council.

The Comittee Appointed the last Council to Draw a Bill for the better Regulating a Nightly Watch within this City, to be presented to the Assembly to be passed into a Law, now report that they have Drawn the said Bill, and Laid the same before this Board, which said Bill was read, and left to the Consideration of the Next Council, which is Appointed on Wednesday Morning next.

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A Petition of this Board to the Assembly for Leave to bring in a Bill for the better regulating a Nightly Watch within this City, &c., was read and Signed by the Mayor. Ordered that Alderman Fitzwater, Thomas Hopkinson, Samuel Roads and William Coleman do Present the said Petition to the Assembly to Morrow Morning.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philad^{a} the 4th Day of May A^{o} 1743.

Present

William Till, Esq^{r}, Mayor
William Allen, Esq^{r}, record^{r}
Samuel Hassell
George Fitzwater
Anthony Morris
James Hamilton
Benjamin Shoemaker
} Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
Daniel Radley
John Warder
Ralph Assheton
Nathaniel Allen
Joshua Maddox
Edw^{d} Shippen
William Coleman
William Parsons
Samuel Roades
Thomas Hopkinson
Robert Strettle
Joshua Emlen
Isaac Jones
} Com. Council.

The Mayor acquainted the Board that he, wth the persons Appointed last Council to present the petition to the Assembly for

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bringing in a Bill for better regulating a Nightly Watch in this City, had Presented the said Petition to the Assembly Yesterday Morning.

The Bill for better regulating a Nightly Watch in this City being now again read and Considered, It is Unanimously Agreed by the Board that the same be delivered to the Assembly by the Comittee formerly appointed to deliver the petition for bringing in the said Bill.

Complaint being made that several persons have Erected Stalls in the Market place, with Merchants Goods on Market day, and very much Incumber the Market, It is Ordered that y^{e} Clerks of the Market remove all such Stalls who Shall Vend such Goods, That the Market place may be kept ffree and Open.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philad[a] the 4[th] day of October A° 1743.

Present

William Till, Esq[r], Mayor
William Allen, Esq[r], record[r]

Esq[rs], Aldermen.
- Clement plumsted
- Thomas Griffitts
- Samuel Hassell
- Anthony Morris
- Joseph Turner
- James Hamilton
- Benjamin Shoemaker

Com. Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Daniel Radley
- Israel pemberton
- Ralph Assheton
- Peter Lloyd
- William Atwood
- George Emlen
- Abraham Taylor
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickle
- Robert Ellis
- Edward Shippen
- George House
- John Dilwyn
- Samuel Powell, jun[r]
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- William parsons
- Andrew Hamilton
- Samuel Roades
- William plumsted
- Thomas Hopkinson
- Joseph Morris
- Joseph Shippen
- Richard Nixon
- Samuel Austin
- Isaac Jones
- Joshua Emlen

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The Board, pursuant to the Busieness of the day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, and Alderman Shoemaker was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

William Atwood, Abraham Taylor, Samuel powell, Junr and Edward Shippen, are Elected Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes.

William Logan, Charles Willing, Atwood Shute and Septimas Robinson, are Elected Comon Council men of this City by Majority of Votes.

At a Comon Council held for the City of philadª the 31st day of October Aº 1743.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayr
William Allen, Esqr, recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Clement Plumsted
- Samuel Hassell
- Joseph Turner
- Abraham Taylor
- William Atwood
- Edward Shippen

Com. Council.
- Daniel Radley
- Ralph Assheton
- Peter Lloyd
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickell
- Samuel Powell, Junr
- Nathl Allen
- William Coleman
- Thomas hopkinson
- Joshua Maddox
- Joseph Shippen
- Richard Nixon
- Isaac Jones
- William parsons
- Samuel Roads
- William Plumsted
- Charles Willing
- Septimus Robinson

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Ordered that the Treasurer pay to Ralph Assheton, y^e^ Clerk of this Board, the Sum of One hundred and fifty pounds, in part of his Debt due from this Corporation.

The Persons appointed to settle the acco^ts^ of this Corporation are desired to settle all the Accounts of the Corporation to this Day, and make report to the next Comon Council.

Alderman Turner Exhibited an account of Thirteen pounds one shilling, due to him for repairing, Painting and Lettering Eighty Seven Bucketts of this City. It is ordered that the Treasurer of this Corporation pay the Money out of the Moneys Received for Chimneys Firing.

Alderman ffitzwater, Alderman Turner and Nathaniel Allen were formerly Appointed to View a Wharfe formerly built at the Costs of Samuel Powell, and Samuel Powell, Jun^r^, and were desired at the same time to View a Wharfe Intended to be Erected at the Cost of Richard Nixon, at the End of Pine Street, the persons Appointed now report that the Erecting a Wharfe on sd Street woud Cost about the Sum of Seventy three Pounds Ten Shillings, And the said Richard Nixon now petition^e^ that a Term might be allowed him for Building the sd Wharfe, and to take the perquisites arising therefrom in satisfaction for said Costs, It is agreed by this Board, that in Consideration thereof the said Richard Nixon do receive Wharfage of said Wharfe for the Term of Twenty Years, he building the said Wharfe in a good and sufficient maner, and keeping the same in repair during the said Term, Upon this Condition Nevertheless, That if this Corporation shall pay the said Richard Nixon at any time during the said term the Moneys that the said Wharfe shall Cost, that then the said Richard Nixon shall Deliver up the said Wharfe to this Corporation.

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Ordered that Alderman Atwood be added to Alderman Fitzwater - - - - - - - Alderman Turner and Nathaniel Allen, to View the Publick Wharf Erected by Samuel Powell, and Samuel Powell, Junr, and make an Estimate of the Costs thereof, and make report to the next Council.

Ordered that the Recordr, Samuell Mickell and Thomas Hopkinson Examine into the Lease of the fferry on Schuylkill, belonging to this Corporation, and in whose possession the same is now Lodged, and report to the next Council the time when the said Lease Expires.

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At a Comon Council held for the City
of Philad^{a} the 13th Day of January A^{o} 1743.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, record^{r}
Samuel Hassell
Anthony Morris
Abraham Taylor
Edward Shippen
} Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Warder
Daniel Radley
Ralph Assheton
George Mifflin
Samuel Mickell
George House
John Dilwyn
Samuel Powell, Jun^{r}
Joshua Maddox
Nathaniel Allen
William Coleman
Andrew Hamilton
Thomas Hopkinson
Joseph Shippen
Rich^{d} Nixon
Joshua Emlin
Joseph Norris
Charles Willing
William Logan
} Com. Council.

The Persons appointed to Examine into the State of the Corporation fferry over Schuylkill, now report that there was a Lease made by the Corporation to Acquila rose, decd, for the Term of twenty-one Years, at the Yearly Rent of Ten Shillings, which Term Expires the Nineteenth Day of August Next, That the said Lease, by Sundry Assignments, is transferr'd to George Gray, who

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has Leased the Same to James Coultis, That by the best Information they can get, this Corporation is not possessed or Intitled to any Lands adjacent to the said fferry, for want whereof the said Ferry will not Yield so great rent as if it was accommodated with some small Quantity of Land to Erect proper Buildings, &c, and that it woud be proper to purchase a Lease of some of the Adjacent Ground for the Use as aforesaid.

It is the Opinion of this Board that the Proprietor shoud be addressed by this Board for the Grant of some Adjacent Lands to the said fferry belonging to the Corporation on Schuylkill for the Accomodation thereof, And the Mayor, recorder, Alderman Plumsted, Morris and Taylor, are desired to Draw up an Address for that purpose, and Lay the same before the Board at the next Council.

Ordered that Alderman Shippen and William Logan, do Apply to Alderman Logan to Write to the Proprietor for the Grant of some Lands Adjacent to the said Ferry, for the accomodation thereof.

It is the Opinion of a Majority of this Board that the said Ferry be Leased to James Coultis for the Term of four Years, and that a Draught of a Lease be prepared by the Recorder, Samuel Mickell, Thomas Hopkinson and Samuel Powell, junr, and Lay'd before the next Council.

The Petition of Sarah Bird, Widow, was Read, praying the Board wou'd be pleased to remit a ffine of Five Pounds, set upon her the Last Sessions, for Keeping a Publick House in this City, the Board having taken her Circumstances into consideration, and she not being able to pay the said ffine, Do remitt ffour Pounds of said Fine.

The Petition of William Harris was read, setting fourth that he was ffined last Court in the Sum of ffive Pounds, for Keeping a

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publick House without Lycence, that he was not able to pay the said Fine, being very poor, the Board having taken his Circumstances into Consideration, do remitt the said Fine.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philad^{a} the 29th Day of February A^{o} 1743.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r} Record^{r}
Samuel Hassell, Joseph Turner, Abraham Taylor, Edward Shippen } Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch, Daniel Radley, Ralph Assheton, John Dilwyn, Joshua Maddox, Nathaniel Allen, Robert Strettle, William parsons, Andrew Hamilton, Samuel Roads, Joseph Morris, Joseph Shippen, Septimus Robinson } Com. Council.

The Persons Appointed at the last Council to Draw up an Address to the Propriet^{rs} for the Grant of some Land Adjacent to the Ferry of this Corporation over the river Schuylkill, now report that they have Drawn the same and presented it to the Board, which was Read and Approved of by the board, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

Ordered that the recorder, Alderman Plumsted, Turner and Taylor, get the said Address fairly Ingross'd and Signed by the Mayor

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in behalf of this Corporation, and be sent to England to be presented to the Propriet[rs].

The Stalls from the East End of the Court House to Letitia Court, are now Lett to John Bard for Sixty Pounds p an, for the Term of Seven Years, he keeping the same in good Repair, and Delivering the same in good order and well Repaired at the Expiration of the Term, he being subject from time to time to the orders of this Board as to the prices he shall take for said Stalls, and shall from time to time sett up and pull down the Chains at the Entrance of the Streets every Market Day.

A Petition of Charles Stow setting forth that there is due to him from this Board on Ballance for Services to this Day, the sum of Twenty-Nine Pounds Ten Shillings, which Ballance is Ordered to be paid him by the Treasurer.

The Moneys due to Peter Stretch for his Care of the Clock of this City to this Day, amount to Eighty Pounds, which Moneys are now ordered by the Board to be paid by the Treasurer.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of philad[a] the 30[th] Day of July A° 1744.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq[r], Mayor
William Allen, Esq[r], Recorder
Clement plumsted
Thomas Lawrence
Samuel Hassell
George ffitzwater
William Till
Joseph Turner
James Hamilton
Abraham Taylor
Edward Shippen
} Esq[rs], Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
John Warder
Ralph Assheton
Peter Lloyd
George Mifflin
Robert Ellis
George House
John Dilwyn
Samuel powell, jun[r]
Joshua Maddox
Nathaniel Allen
William Coleman
William parsons
Andrew Hamilton
William plumsted
Sam[l] Rhoads
Joseph Shippen
Thomas Hopkinson
Robert Strettle
Richard Nixon
Joshua Emlen
Septimus Robinson
Atwood Shute.

The Mayor laid before the Board a Letter that he had Lately received from the Proprietors Secratary, Richard Peters, in relation

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to the Ferry on High street, on Schuylkill, which was Read, and is as follows:

Gentlemen:—

The Board having taken the said Letter into Consideration do Appoint the Mayr, recorder and Alderman Plumsted to Draw a proper Answer thereto, and Lay the same before the next Council.

Ordered that the Lease from this Corporation to James Coultis be Engrossed, and Laid before the Board At their Next Meeting, And that the Term of the said Lease be Enlarged to Seven Years.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philada the 17th Day of August Ao 1744.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayr
William Allen, Esqr, Recordr
William Till
Joseph Turner } Esqrs, Aldermen.
Edwd Shippen

Peter Stretch
Isaac pemberton
Ralph Assheton
John Dilwoyn
Joshua Maddox
William Coleman
Samuel Rhoads
Andrew Hamilton
Joseph shippen.

The Lease of the fferry on High street, over Schuylkill, to James Coultis for the Term of Seven Years, being Ingross'd, was now Read and Executed.

Edward Shippen and Samuel Rhoads are Appointed to View the Old Buildings on the Ferry, and Make Report to the Next Council

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what is Necessary to be done to the said Buildings to make them Tenantable for Accomodation of the said fferry.

Ordered that a proper Instrument be Drawn by the Clerk of this Board, Impowering the Treasurer of this City to Receive and pay the Moneys of this Corporation Under the Seal of the said Corporation, and Lay the same before the Next Council in order to be Executed.

The Petition of Eliz^{a} Hall was now Read, setting forth that she was fined at the Last Court of Record of this City in the sum of ffive pounds, for keeping a Publick House without Lycence, praying this Board woud Remit the said Fine or some part thereof, the Board having taken the s^{d} petition into Consideration, do remit ffour Pounds of the s^{d} Fine.

At a Comon Council held for the City of philad^{a} the 21st day of August A^{o} 1744.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
Anthony Morris
Samuel hassell
Edw^{d} Shippen
} Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

John Warder
Ralph Assheton
George Mifflin
Nathaniel Allen
Samuel Powell
George House
Joshua Maddox
Joseph Shippen
William Coleman
Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Morris
Septimus Robinson

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The Instrument ordered the Last Council to be Drawn by the Clerk for Empowering Alderman Hassell, Treasurer of this Corporation, to receive And pay the Moneys of this Corporation, was now presented, and the Mayor Sign'd and Affixed the Publick Seal of the Corporation to the same.

Alderman Shippen and Samuel Rhoads being appointed at the Last Comon Council to View the old Buildings on High street Ferry, Upon Schuylkill, now make report that they had Viewed the same, and find that the said Buildings may be moved, and proposed to the Board for the Conveniency of the said fferry, That a Building of Sixteen ffeet by Thirty Eight be Added to the said Old Buildings, and that they had computed the same woud Cost about Three Hundred Pounds, that James Coultis, the present Tenant, offers to pay the sum of one Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards the said Addition, the Corporation paying the like Sum, for which Money to be Advanced and paid by the Corporation he, the said James Coultis, is Willing to pay the Annual Interest thereof during his Lease, and proposes that the said Additional Buildings, at the Expiration of his Term, shoud be Valued by two persons to be Chosen for that purpose by the Corporation, and him the said Coultis; And that the Corporation shoud pay to him the Moiety of the Moneys the same additional Buildings shall be then Valued at by the person so Chosen as afore^{sd}. To which offer and proposalls this Board now agrees to, And do Appoint the said Alderman Shippen and Samuel Rhoads to Oversee the said Buildings, and to take Care that the Work be well and Sufficiently done.

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At a Comon Council held for the City of Philad^{a} the 2^{d} Octob^{r} A^{o} 1744.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Clement Plumsted
Thomas Lawrence
Samuel Hassell
Anthony Morris
William Till
Joseph Turner
Abraham Taylor
James Hamilton
William Atwood

} Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
Daniel Radley
John Warder
Ralph Assheton
Samuel Mickell
George Mifflin
Peter Lloyd
George House
John Dilwyn
Samuel Powell, jun^{r}
Joshua Maddox
Nathaniel Allen
Will^{m} Coleman
Will^{m} Parsons
Andrew Hamilton
Samuel Roads
Thomas Hopkinson
Joseph Shippen
Robert Strettle
Charles Willing
Sam^{l} Austin
Joseph Morris
Isaac Jones
Joshua Emlen
William Plumsted
Septimus Robinson
Richard Nixon
Will^{m} Logan
Atwood Shute

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The Board pursuant to the Busieness of the Day proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, and Alderman Shippen was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

Alderman Turner and Alderman Taylor, Charles Willing and William Coleman are Appointed to Wait on the Governour to know when he will Receive the Mayor Elect, to be Qualified.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philad^{a} the 23^{d} Day of October A^{o} 1744.

Present

Edward Shippen, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Willliam Allen, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
Clement Plumsted
Samuel Hassell
Will^{m} Till
James Hamilton
Joseph Turner
Abraham Taylor
} Esq^{rs}, Ald^{r}.

Peter Stretch
Dan^{l} Radley
Ralph Assheton
George Mifflin
Robert Ellis
Nathan^{l} Allen
George House
Joshua Maddox
Robert Strettle
Will^{m} Coleman
Sam^{l} Roads
Thom^{s} Hopkinson
Joseph Shippen
Richard Nixon
Joshua Emlen
Charles Willing
Will^{m} Plumsted
Septimus Robinson
Will^{m} Logan
Andrew Hamilton.

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The Petition of William Paschall, Setting forth that there will be a Vacancy in the Office of Measurer of Grain, &c, Imported into this City, the former Officer being now Appointed Sheriff, Praying this Board woud be pleased to Appoint him to That Office, the Board having taken the said Petition into Consideration do Appoint the said William Paschall to the said Office, in the Room and Stead of Nicholas Scull, y^e^ former Officer.

The Board having taken into Consideration the Defenceless State of this City, in case of an Invasion by the Enemy, are of Opinion, that a Petition to the King be forthwith prepared, setting forth the Defenceless State the said City, and requesting his Majesty to take the Deplorable Condition of the Inhabitants into Consideration, and to Afford them such Relief as his Majesty shall Think fit.

A Petition to his Majesty biing ready prepared, was Offered to the Board by the Recorder, which was Read and Considered, which petition was Approved of and Ordered to be Ingrossed, and is as follows:

, To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

, The humble Petition
, of the Mayor and Comonalty of the City of Philad^a^, in the pro-
, vince of Pensylvania, in America, in comon Council Assembled

Most Humbly Sheweth

, That the City of Philad^a^ is Situate upon the River Delaware,
, Navigable by Ships of Considerable Burthen, by w^ch^ means it
, stands Exposed in the present Dangerous Conjuncture to the
, Attacks of Vessels of War, that may be sent by Your Majesties
, Enemies to Plunder and Destroy it.

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, That above Three hundred Vessels, belonging to Great Britain ; and other your Majesties Dominions do Annually Arrive at this , City, the Only place of Naval Commerce w^th^in the Province, and , Upon the safety of which the Trade of the whole Principally , Depends.

, That this City contains at Least fifteen Hundred Houses & , Thirteen Thousand People, but is Without Batterys, Forts or any , kind of Fortifications, and the Inhabitants Like the rest of the People , of the Province are Distitute of Arms and Ammunition, Unprac- , tised in any part of Military Discipline, and Under no Legal Obli- , gation to arm themselves or Defend it.

, That your Petitioners have great reason to Believe that their , Defenceless state is well known to the Subjects of the French , King, as well in the Islands as Upon the Continent, from whence , we are Daily Under an Apprehension of an Invasion which, if , Undertaken with so small an Armament, as Three or four Priva- , teers must, in all human Probability, End in the Distruction of the , City, & Total Ruin of the Inhabitants.

, That the Proprietors and the Lieutenant Governour of the Pro- , vince, and very many of the Inhabitants have frequently Applyed , to the Assembly to Put the Province and this City into some Pos- , ture of Defence, but they have Constantly refused to do the Same, , Declaring that all Warlike Preparations are against their religious , Principles.

, Wherefore Your Petitioners with all Humility, Do Throw them- , selves at Your Majesties feet Beseeching Your Majesty to take , their Deplorable Condition into Your Royal Consideration, and to , Afford them such relief as in Your Wisdom Shall be Thought fit, And they as in Duty Bound, shall ever Pray, &c.

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GIVEN Under our comon Seal, at the City of Philad^{a}, the Twenty Third Day of October, In the Year 1744, and in the Eighteenth Year of Your Majesties Reign, And Sign'd by order of the Comon Council, by

Ordered that the Mayor & recorder Transmit the said Petition to his Majesty, by the ffirst Oppertunity.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philad^{a} the 15th Day of November 1744.

Present

Edward Shippen, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Will^{m} Allen, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}
Thomas Lawrence
Samuel Hassel
Anthony Morris
Benjamin Shoemaker
Abraham Taylor
George ffitzwater
} Esq^{rs}, ald^{r}.
Peter Stretch
John Warder
Ralph Assheton
George Mifflin
Joshua Maddox
Samuel Rhoads
George House
Robert Ellis
Atwood Shute
Septimus Robinson
Charles Willing
Will^{m} Plumsted
Joseph Shippen
Will^{m} Coleman

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to Ralph Assheton, Clerk of this Board, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, in part, of the Moneys Due to him from this Corporation.

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At a Comon Council held for y^e^ City of Philad^a^ the 20^th^ Day of May A° 1745.

Present

Edward Shippen, Esq^r^, May^r^
William Allen, Esq^r^, record^r^
Samuel Hassel
George Fitzwater
William Till
Benj^a^ Shoemaker
Daniel Radley
John Warder
Ralph Assheton
George House
Joshua Maddox
Nath^l^ Allen
William Coleman
William Parsons
Andrew Hamilton
Thomas Hopkinson
Samuel Roads
Joseph Shippen
Robert Strettle
Joseph Morris
Samuel Powell
Septimus Robinson
Richard Nixon.

A Petition of Several of the Inhabitants of the South part of this City was read, setting fforth that y^e^ Honourable the Proprys of this Province were some Time past pleased to Grant three Lots of Ground on the South Part of y^e^ said City, and that the Owners of the Adjacent Lotts have since Granted Seven Lotts for y^e^ Conveniency of Erecting a Publick Market for y^e^ Accomodation of the Inhabitants on the s^d^ South part, Who Live at a Great Distance from the Present Market, Which said Lotts of Ground are situated on the East and West Side of Second Street, between Pine and Cedar

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street, Praying this Board woud be pleased to Allow y^e^ Liberty of Erecting Stalls at the Place in the second Street upon y^e^ Same Terms that y^e^ Western Stalls in the Present Publick Market Place of this City, were at first Erected and Built which woud not only be an Ornament to that part of said City, but a Great Conveniency to y^e^ Inhabitants, and in Time very much Tend to y^e^ Interest and Advantage of this Corporation. The Board having Taken the said Petition into Consideration, and it Appearing to the Board, that the said Piece of Ground, as now Laid Out, will be Convenient for Erecting a Market Place for y^e^ Conveniency of the Inhabitants Who have Lately Made very Considerable Improvements near the same, as also to the Inhabitants on the south Part of this City,

It is agreed by the Beard, that a Market be Erected on the said Piece of Ground, and that Proposalls be Laid before y^e^ Next Council by the Persons Who Propose to Erect the said Stalls Upon What Terms they will Erect the same.

A Petition of Susanna Gilpin was read, setting forth that she was ffined at the Last Court of Record, held for this City, in y^e^ sum of Five Pounds Eighteen Shill^gs^, That she was not able to Pay y^e^ said Fine, and that since her Confinem^t^ in Goal, her Goods has been seized and Sold, the Board having taken the petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, Do remit the said Fine.

A Petition of William Powell was read setting forth that he was now in y^e^ Goal of this City, and was Detain'd there in a Miserable Condition, for a fine of Fifteen Pounds Fifteen shill^gs^, Set upon him Last Jan^ry^ Sessions, and that he was not Able to Pay the same, and must Perish in y^e^ Goal Unless this Board woud remit y^e^ said Fine, the Board Having taken y^e^ said Petition into Consideration, Do order that y^e^ Sheriff take y^e^ Petitioners Bond to this Corporation for said

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ffine, If the said Petitioner will Immediately Depart this Province, and Upon his return y^e^ said Bond is ordered to be put in Suit.

A Petition of Jane Bond, widow, was read, setting forth that she was an ancient Inhabitant of this City, and was ffined at the Last Court of record in the Sum of Five Pounds for keeping a Disornerly House, that She is not Able to Pay the said Fine, and Prayed, The Board having taken y^e^ same into Consideration, do remit the said ffine.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Philad^a^ the 1^st^ Day of July A^o^ 1745.

Present

Edw^d^ Shippen, Esq^r^, May^r^
William Allen, Esq^r^, record^r^
Samuel Hassell
Anthony Morris
Benj^a^ Shoemaker
Peter Stretch
Daniel Radley
John Warder
Ralph Assheton
Samuel Mickell
Samuel Powell, jun^r^
Joshua Maddox
Nath^l^ Allen
William Coleman
Andrew Hamilton
Samuel Road
Thomas Hopkinson
Joseph Shippen
Joseph Morris
Rob^t^ Strettle
Joshua Emlen
Septimus Robinson
Richard Nixon

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The Persons who Propose to Erect the Stalls in the New Market Place on the south Part of this City, now Produce their Proposalls, Viz^{t}, Edward Shippen and Joseph Wharton, propose to Build Sixteen Stalls in y^{e} New Market place, Viz. Eight Stalls in Second Street to the Southward of Lombard Street, and Eight Stalls to the Northward of s^{d} Lombard street, in second street afs^{d}, at their own Costs and Charge, and to have a Term till such Time as the Principall Money and Interest they shall Advance for Building said Stalls, are reimbursed them, and that this Corporation Upon Payment of the Principal Money and Interest at any Time within the said Term to the said Undertakers may have the Property of said Stalls on which Payment y^{e} Moneys, from Time to Time, received for rent of said Stalls, by said Undertakers, shall be Deducted out of the First Cost of said Stalls, and that the Stalls afs^{d} be Built after y^{e} same Modell as y^{e} present Stalls in y^{e} West Side of y^{e} Court house of this City, to which Proposalls the Board Unanimously Agreed, on Condition that Eight of y^{e} said Stalls be forth With Built by sd Undertakers, And that the other Eight With all Convenient speed, and that the said Market shall be Under y^{e} Direction, from Time to Time, of this Board.

A Petition of Barbara M^{c}Mahony was read, setting forth That her Husband Dennis Mahony had Laid in y^{e} Goal of this City Upwards of Three Weeks, for his Fine of Five Pounds Set upon him Last Court, for keeping house without Lycence, and that he was very Sick and not able to pay y^{e} said ffine, the Board having taken y^{e} said Petition into Consideration, Do remit y^{e} said ffine.

A Petition of Rebecca Warder was read, setting forth that she was ffined at a Court of Record of this City, for keeping a Publick House without Lycence, that her Household Goods were Seized for Rent, And that it was Intirely out of their Power to pay the said

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Fine, The Board having taken the said Petition into Consideration, Do remit the said Fine.

Ordered that Israel Pemberton and Nathaniel Allen do View the Publick Wharfe Erected by Samuel Powell and Samuel Powell, jun^{r}, & make an Estimate of y^{e} Cost thereof, & make report the Next Council.

At a Common Council held at y^{e} City of Philad^{a} y^{e} 1st Day of October 1745.

Present

Edw^{d} Shippen, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel Hassell
- Anthony Morris
- Joseph Turner
- James Hamilton
- William Till
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Abraham Taylor

Com. Councill.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Israel Pemberton
- George Mifflin
- Samuel Mickell
- George House
- John Dilwyn
- Samuel powell, jun^{r}

Com. Councill.
- Joshua Maddox
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- William Parsons
- Andrew Hamilton
- Samuel Roads
- William Plumsted
- Robert Strettle
- Thomas Hopkinson
- Joseph Morris
- Joseph Shippen
- Charles Willing
- Richard Nixon
- Samuell Allen
- Atwood Shute
- Septimus Robinson
- Isaac Jones
- Joshua Emlen

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The Board, pursuant to the Business of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor for the Ensuing Year, & Alderman Taylor was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

Alexander Taylor Refusing to Serve the Office of Mayor of this City, He is fined the Sum of Thirty pounds, & then the Board proceeded to a New Election, & Chose Joseph Turner by a Majority of Votes, who having Refused to Execute the said office was fined the Sum of Thirty pounds, and then the Board proceeded to a New Election, and Alderman Hamilton was Elected by a Majority of Votes.

Alexander Graydon
John Ingliss
Richard Stanley
William Shippen
Thomas Bond
William Biddle

are now Elected Common Councill Men, by a Majority of Votes.

PRESENTED TO THE
West Philadelphia Institute,
By THOMAS T. BUTCHER.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL,

1745 TO 1753.

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At a Common Council held for the City of Philad[a] the 11th Day of November 1745.

Present

James Hamilton, Esq[r], May[r]
William Allen, Esq[r], Recorder
Samuel Hassell
William Till
Edward Shippen } Esq[rs], Aldermen.

Ralph Assheton
George Mifflin
George House
Robert Ellis
Nathaniel Allen
Septimus Robinson
Robert Strettle
Thomas Hopkinson
Joseph Shippen
William Coleman
Isaac Jones
Charles Willing
} Comon Council.

Alexander Graydon, John Inglis, Richard Stanley, William Shippen and William Biddle, are Qualified Comon Council Men of this City.

A Motion being made by a Member of the Board, that a proper Address be drawn up and sent over to His Majesty, Setting forth the Unnatural Rebellion, now in Scotland, against His Person and Government; as also to Congratulate him upon the late Acquisition of Cape Breton to the British Empire in America,

The Recorder, Alderman Till, Thomas Hopkinson, William Coleman are appointed to draw up the Address and lay the same before the Board at the Next Meeting.

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The Executors of Andrew Hamilton, Esq^{r}, now Applying for the Sallary due to his Estate, for Execution of his Office as Recorder of this City, from June 1727 to August 1741, it being upwards of Fourteen Years, at £25 pr Annum, amounting to the Sum of £350 an upwards, which Sallary the Treasurer is Ordered to pay out of the Moneys of this Corporation, from Time to Time, as Moneys shall come into the Treasury, and the Executors are Order'd to bring in their Accounts to the Treasurer, of what Moneys has been Received by the late Recorder, in part of said Sallary.

The Persons appointed to view the Publick Wharfe erected by Samuel Powel and Samuel Powel, Jun^{r}, now report that they have view'd the same and considered the Costs thereof, and are of Opinion that the said Wharfe coud not Cost less than Fifty Pounds, the Payment of which is referr'd to the Consideration of the Magistrates and Assessors.

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At a common Council for the City of Philadelphia the 13th November 1745.

Present

James Hamilton, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr Recorder
Thomas Lawrence
Samuel Hassell
William Till
Edward Shippen
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

Peter Stretch
Ralph Assheton
Joshua Maddox
William Coleman
Willm Parsons
Saml Rhoads
Joseph Shippen
Robert Strettle
Robert Ellis
Thos Hopkinson
Isaac Jones
Septims Robinson
Alex Graydon
William Shippen
Richard Stanley
William Biddle
} Com. Council.

The persons appointed at the last Council to prepare an Address to His Majesty, now present the Same, & it was read and approved of by the Board, and Order'd to be Ingross'd, which Address was as follows;

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

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Order'd that the said Address be Transmitted to the Proprietaries in order to be presented to the King, by the Mayor.

James Coultass, applying to the Board for Lengthening the Wharfe at the Ferry, there being several Rocks that hinder the flats at low Water, He proposing to carry the same Sixty foot long, and twenty eight foot Wide from the End of the Slope, for the sum of Fifty pounds, which is agreed upon to pay the said James Coultess out of the Rent of the last Year, he finishing the same in a proper manner, and Leave the Same at the Expiration of his Lease.

February 22d 1745, Doctor Thomas Bond is qualified a Comon Council man of this City.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 24, February Anno Dom. 1745.

Present

James Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Mayor
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recor^{d}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel Hassell
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Edward Shippen
- Joseph Turner
- William Attwood

Comon Council.
- Peter Stretch
- John Warder
- Nanthan^{l} Allen
- Rob^{t} Strettle
- Samuel Mickle
- William Biddle
- Alex^{r} Graydon
- Thomas Bond
- Tho^{s} Hopkinson
- Joshua Maddox
- William Plumsted
- John Inglis
- William Coleman
- William Parsons
- Isaac Jones
- Joseph Morris
- Atwood Shute
- Samuel Austin
- William Shippen
- Rob^{t} Ellis
- Septimus Robinson
- Charles Willing
- Richard Stanley

It being represented to the Board that Ralph Assheton, Esq^{r}, late Town Clerk, and Clerk of the Comon Council, is deceased; and the Board being moved to make choice of some proper person

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to succeed him in the said Office took the same into Consideration, and did proceed to make Choice of Another, and Andrew Hamilton of the City of Philad^{a}, Gen^{t}, was unanimously chosen Clerk of the Comon Council and Town Clerk of this City. And the said Andrew Hamilton is directed to receive the Records and Papers belonging to the said Office from the Executors or Administrators of the said Ralph Assheton.

A Petition from William Paschall was read, setting forth that John Bard, who had the Management of the Stalls in the Jersey Market, is removed to reside at New York, and therefore praying that the said Stalls may be put Under his Care, subject to the like Conditions and Payments as formerly, or to such others as the Board shall think reasonable.

Whereupon the Board appoints Samuel Hassell and Edward Shippen, Esq^{rs}, to acquaint M^{rs} Bard that they are inform'd her Husband is removed to settle at New York, and therefore they are inclined to appoint some other person to take care of the Jersey Market, And that if she hath any thing to say thereupon, she may lay it before the Board at the Next Meeting.

A Petition from William Watson was presented and read, setting forth, That He was confin'd in Goal for several fines due to this Corporation, which he is not able to pay or to maintain his Wife and Children, and therefore praying that the said fines may be remitted; The Board having taken the petitioners Circumstances into Consideration, do remit the said several Fines.

A Petition from John Lennen was presented to the Board and read, setting forth that He was fined to this Corporation in the sum of five pounds, with the Costs of prosecution, for selling liquor with-

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out Licence, That he hath paid the said Costs of Suit, But is not able at present to pay the said fine, having a wife and ffamily to maintain, and therefore praying that the said Fine may be remitted, or Otherwise that Time may be Allow'd for the payment thereof, without confining his person in Goal. The Board having taken the Petitioners Case into Consideration do grant that the said John Lennen be at Liberty and free from arrest at their suit, upon his giving Bond to the Mayor of this City, to pay the said Fine in Twelve Months.

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July 27, Andrew Hamilton is qualified for Execution of the Office of Clerk of the Comon Council.

At a Comon Council held at the City of Philad^{a} the 27th of February Anno Dom 1745.

Present

James Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Mayor
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel Hassell
- Benj^{a} Shoemaker
- Edward Shippen
- George Fitzwater

Comon Council.
- Robert Strettle
- William Logan
- William Biddle
- Alex^{r} Graydon
- Thomas Hopkinson
- Richard Stanley
- William Shippen
- Joseph Morris
- Thomas Bond
- Isaac Jones
- Robert Ellis
- William Parsons

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Samuel Hassell and Edward Shippen Esq^rs, report that they waited upon M^rs Bard, pursuant to the order of the Board of the 24^th Instant, and delivered to her the message they had in Charge to deliver. And then a Petition from the said M^rs Bard was presented and read, setting forth That she was inform'd that a Lease of the Stalls in the Jersy Market had been promised to her Husband by the Corporation for a certain Term of years, on Condition of his covering the said stalls and keeping them in repair at his own expense, and that a Minute was made of the same in the Books of the Comon Council. That her said Husband had comply'd with the Condition afsd, in covering the said stalls, and is willing to give security to keep the same in good repair, That his business having called him to New York, (the said Lease not being yet executed,) she is informed that some persons taking advantage of his absence, intend to apply for a Grant of the premises, to his great Injury, And therefore praying that such application, if made, may be set aside, and the Lease executed to her said Husband, agreeable to the promise above mention'd; Whereupon, after a Considerable Debate, It was Resolved, that the Corporation, at the time of .making the agreement with John Bard for the said stalls, did not intend to make a Lease thereof, assignable to any Person whatever without their consent and approbation, but that they then did, and now do expect a personal Service from the person to whom the care of the said Stalls are Comitted. And it is Ordered that Alderman Hassell and Alderman Shippen acquaint M^rs Bard with the Resolve of the Board upon the subject matter of her Petition.

A Petition from Henry Ennals Gollorthur was presented to the Board and Read, setting forth that he was Convicted at the last Mayors Court of offering Counterfeit Bills of Exchange to Sale, knowing them to be such, for which offence he was fined fforty

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five pounds to this Corporation, besides the cost of suit, That by the seizure and imbezlement of his Goods in Maryland by his creditors, He is render'd incapable of paying the said Fine at present, And therefore praying that the same may be remitted, or otherwise, that he may be indulged with time for the payment of it, upon giving his Obligation, which shall be justly paid. The Board, after having Consider'd the said Petition, do reject the same.

At a Comon Council held at Philadelphia the 31st July anno Domi 1746.

Present

James Hamilton, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder
Benjamin Shoemaker
William Till
Edward Shippen
George Fitzwater
Samuel Hasel
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

Robert Ellis
Septa Robinson
Isaac Jones
Thos Hopkinson
Alexr Graydon
William Biddle
} Comn. Council.

The Mayor having laid before the Board a Letter from Mr Thomas Penn to him, acquainting him that he had, at the Request of the Corporation, presented their Address to the King, which they had recommended to his Care last Fall. And the said Letter being read, It is Order'd by the Board that the Mayor return their Thanks to Mr Thomas Penn, by the first opportunity.

William Paschal having proposed to the Board sometime agoe, to rent the Stalls in the Jersey market, it is agreed that he shall have the same for the Term of Seven Years, to commence from

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this Day, at the Rate of Sixty Pounds pr annum; he keeping them in good Repair. And Thomas Hopkinson is ordered to prepare a Lease and lay it before the Board at their next Meeting for their Perusal. And it is further agreed that the said William Paschal shall have the Liberty of letting the Stalls at Fair-Times as usual.

A Petition from Henry Ennals Gollorthum, was presented to the Board and read, setting forth That he has been for a considerable Time past confind in Jayl for several Fines, amounting to Forty five Pounds, due to the Corporation of this City, that he is unable to pay the Same, That he is very desirous, if he Could obtain Liberty to inlist as a Comon Soldier in the present Expedition forming against Canada, and Therefore praying the Board would take his unhappy Circumstances into Consideration and remit his said Fines. The Board, after having considered the said Petition, have Agreed that the Same shall be remitted, provided he inlists in One of the Companies now raising for the said Expedition and departs the Province.

The Petition of Robert Howard was presented to the Board & read, setting forth that he was fined in April in the Sum of Five Pounds, to the Use of the Corporation, for stealing a Silver Watch, and was Ordered to be publickly Whipt, (Which Corporal Punishment the Governour has been pleas'd to remit,) that it was the first Crime he was ever guilty of, And therefore praying the Board for the Remission of the said Fine. All which the Board having Considered, The said Fine is accordingly remitted.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia October 3d 1746.

Present

James Hamilton, Esqrs, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen (Esqrs):
Anthony Morris
Edward Shippen
Thomas Lawrence
Samuel Hassell
William Atwood
Joseph Turner

Common Council Men:
Charles Willing
William Logan
Joshua Maddox
Septimus Robinson
Robert Ellis
William Shippen
Thomas Bond
John Dilwyn
Samuel Mickle
Isaac Jones
William parsons
Alexander Graydon
Thomas Hopkinson
Robert Strettle
Nathaniel Allen
John Inglis
William Biddle
Peter Stretch
Andrew Hamilton
Joseph Morris

The Petition of Joseph Crellius was read, setting forth that at a Court of Record held for this City sometime since, he was convicted of Adultery, and fined in the Sum of Twenty five Pounds, payable to the Corporation, and that he is unable to pay the said Fine, praying the Board would be pleased to remit the Same or some part thereof. Upon which the Question was put if any Part of the sd Fine should be abated, and carried in the Affirmative.

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And then a Second Question was put, if Ten Pounds of the said Twenty five should be abated, And was likewise carried in the Affirmative.

It is order'd that the Treasurer call upon Thomas Griffitts, Esq^{r}, and the Execut^{r} of John Leech, deceas'd, for Sundry Sums of Money, which have been long due from them to the Corporation; And that he insist upon immediate Payment, or the Board will, upon their Refusal, take the most effectual Means for the Recovery thereof.

It is likewise Order'd that the Treasurer do collect all the Moneys remaining in the Hands of the present & late Sherrifs, due for Fines & Forfeitures.

Aldermen Taylor & Turner having been fined last October in the Sum of Thirty Pounds each for refusing to serve in the Office of Mayor of this City, The Treasurer is now order'd to call upon them for their Fines.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia Oct^{r} 7th 1746.

Present

James Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Mayor
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Hassel
- William Attwood
- Joseph Turner
- William Till
- Anthony Morris
- Benj^{a} Shoemaker

Common Council.
- Robert Ellis
- Septimus Robinson
- William Logan
- Thomas Bond
- William Coleman
- Samuel Austin
- Isaac Jones
- Alexander Graydon

Common Council.
- Atwood Shute
- Samuel Rhoades
- Richard Stanley
- William Biddle
- Joseph Morris
- William Plumsted
- Joseph Shippen
- John Inglis
- Charles Willing
- Thomas Hopkinson
- Robert Strettle
- George House
- George Mifflin
- Nathaniel Allen
- Peter Stretch
- Andrew Hamilton
- William Shippen
- Joshua Maddox

James Hamilton, Esq^{r}, Mayor, represented to the Board that as it had been customary for the Mayors of this City, at the going out of their Office, to give an Entertainment to the Gentlemen of the Corporation; he intends in Lieu thereof, to give a Sum of Money equal at least to the Sums usually expended on such Occasions, to be laid out in something permanently Useful to the City, And proposes the Sum of One Hundred & Fifty Pounds towards erecting an Exchange, or some other Publick Building. The Board taking the said Proposal into Consideration, unanimously approv'd

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of the same, And the said James Hamilton accordingly presented to the Mayor & Comonalty of the City of Philadelphia the said Sum of One Hundred & Fifty Pounds, to be applied towards the Building an Exchange in this City, for the like uses with that of the Royal Exchange in London, or to the erecting such other publick Edifice in this City as the Mayor & Comonalty shall see fit to order & direct; the Money aforesd to be placed out and Continued at Interest until the same shall be wanted for the Purposes aforesaid. Which Sum of One Hundred & Fifty Pounds was accepted by the Board for the uses afores'd, and paid into the Hands of the Treasurer, who is to place the same out to Interest, on such Security As the Mayor, Recorder and Treasurer for ye Time being, with any two Common Council men, shall approve of. Which said Security shall contain the Uses for which the said Sum was given.

The Board, pursuant to the Business of the Day, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor, and Alderman Atwood was chosen Mayor of this City for the ensuing Year by a Majority of Votes. And then the Board appointed Alderman Turner & Alderman Shoemaker, Thomas Hopkinson & John Inglis, to wait on the Governour and know when he wou'd be pleas'd to receive the Board, with the Mayor elect, for his Qualification; who return'd & reported the Governour was then ready to receive them.

The Treasurer acquainted the Board that Alderman Turner has paid into his Hands the Sum of Thirty Pounds, it being the Fine impos'd on him last October for refusing to serve in the Office of Mayor.

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At a Comon Council held at the City of Philad^{a} Nov^{r} 17th 1746.

Present

William Attwood, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.

Edward Shippen
William Till
James Hamilton
Samuel Hasel
Thomas Lawrence
Joseph Turner
George Fitzwater

George House
Thomas Hopkinson
Alexander Graydon
Charles Willing
Richard Nixon
W^{m} Shippen
Attwood Shute
Richard Stanley
Isaac Jones
Samuel Mickle
Joseph Morris

William Plumsted
George Mifflin
Sep^{a} Robinson
John Inglis

William Coleman
Samuel Austin
Robert Ellis
And^{w} Hamilton.

The Recorder produced to the Board a Deed which he found among the Papers of the late Recorder, from George Grey to the Mayor and Comonalty of Philad^{a}, for a Lot of Ground over against the blue Anchor, near the Draw bridge, Which has been, in Mistake, deemed to belong to the City, and has been usd as a free Landing. And the s^{d} Deed being read by the Clerk, It is order'd that the Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen, at their next meeting with the assessors, acquaint them with the Right of the Corporation to the s^{d} Lott, and desire them to lay before the Corporation an Acco^{t} of the Charge the City has lately been at in improving the Same, in order that they may be reimburs'd.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia May 16th 1747.

Present

William Attwood, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder
Samuel Hasel
Joseph Turner
Benjamin Shoemaker
William Till
Edward Shippen
} Aldermen.

Septimus Robeson
Attwood Shute
Thomas Hopkinson
Alexander Graydon
William Parsons
Isaac Jones
John Inglis
Joseph Shippen
William Coleman
Robert Strettle
Andw Hamilton
Charles Willing
Richard Nixon
William Plumsted
} Comon Council Men.

It being represented to the Board, by the Mayor, that our Governour is about to depart the Province, in a short Time, on a Voyage to England on Acco[t] of his Health. And it being mov'd to address him upon the Occasion, It was put to the Queston, and unanimously agreed that an Address should be prepared, and the Recorder, Thomas Hopkinson & William Coleman are appointed a Committee for that purpose.

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At a Common Council hold at the City of Philadelphia May 25th 1747.

Present

William Attwood, Esqr, Mayor			Thomas Bond
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder			John Warder
Anthony Morris	Aldermen.		Joseph Morris
Samuel Hasel			Richard Stanley
William Till			Thomas Hopkinson
Joseph Turner			Robert Strettle
Abraham Taylor			John Inglis
Benjamin Shoemaker			Nathaniel Allen
Edward Shippen			Joseph Shippen
			William Coleman
Septimus Robinson	Common Council Men.		William Parsons
Attwood Shute			Richard Nixon
William Plumsted			William Biddle
Joshua Maddox			Samuel Austin
Issac Jones			Andrew Hamilton

Agreeable to the order of the last Day, the Recorder, Thomas Hopkinson & William Coleman laid before the Board the Address to the Governour, which runs in these Words, Vizt.

, To the Honourable George Thomas, Esqr, Lieutenant Go-
, vernour of the Province of Pennsylva, & Counties of New
, Castle, Kent and Sussex, upon Delaware —— The Humble
, Address of the Mayor & Comonalty of the City of Philada,
, in Comon Council assembled:

, May it please your Honour,

, As you have publickly declar'd your Intention to depart the
, Province, We, the Mayor & Comonalty of the City of Philadel-

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, phia, beg Leave to say: That it is no new Thing to address Go-
, vernors upon their entring into their Governments, and to enume-
, rate their Virtues before it has been experienc'd whether they have
, any; but when their Authority is like to be at an End, Instances
, of this kind are very rare, either owing to their Male-Administra-
, tion, or to a Love of Change, in the People.

, We, however, after having had the Happiness to live under
, your Government for Nine Years, have so high a sense of the In-
, tegrity & uprightness of your Administration, that we think our-
, selves oblig'd, in Gratitude & Duty, in this publick manner to
, declare our Sentiments, and at the same Time to express our
, great Concern At your resigning the Government.

, We may, with the greatest Truth, say You have had clean
, Hands, and have acquired No Money amongst us, unjustly.

, During your Administration, no Offices have been sold, (tho'
, most of the considerable ones in the Province have been vacant,)
, but such as you judg'd the most Capable to discharge them,
, have been by you appointed, without Fee or Reward: Nor has
, the Course of Justice been interrupted by Noli prosequi's in order
, to fill your own Coffers, tho' these Things have been too often
, reckon'd Perquisites in many of the Colonies.

, Your Prudence and great Abilities have, upon all occasions,
, been conspicuous and tho' Party Differences have run high among
, the People, you have so conducted yourself, That however disatis-
, fied they have been with one Another, yet they all agree in having
, an affectionate Regard for you.

, We beg Leave, with Hearts full of Gratitude, to return your
, Honour our most sincere Thanks for the Countenance & Protec-

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, tion you have always shown this Corporation, in preserving to , them their just Rights and Priviledges granted by Charter. That , you may have a prosperous Voyage, and your Health fully res- , tor'd; that you may long enjoy it, and all manner of Felicity, are , our most earnest Wishes.

Sign'd by ordr of the Board.

W Attwood, Mayor.

Which address being read paragraph by paragraph, was approv'd of by the Board, and order'd to be ingross'd. And then ye Council in a Body waited upon the Governour, and the Recorder, in the name of the Board, presented him the said Address. To which Address the Governour was pleased to make the following Answer:

, Gentlemen

, I thank you for this very kind Address. The only Return , I can now make for the favourable Opinion you are pleas'd to , entertain of my Administration, is to assure you of my warmest , Wishes, that your infant City may become more & more the Ad- , miration of Strangers, by an Increase of Buildings, Reputation, , & Trade. And that you may ever enjoy these Priviledges, , which have been so greatly instrumental not only to your own, , but to the present prosperous Condition of the Province in General.

G Thomas.

And then the Board invited the Governour, & attended him to an Entertainment provided at the Expence of the Corporation, at the Tun in Water Street.

Alderman Shippen, William Coleman & Attwood Shute, are appointed to settle accots with the Treasures of this Corporation, and are order'd to report at the next meeting of the Board.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia Aug^{t} 3^{d} 1747.

Present

William Attwood, Esq^{r}, Mayor		Robert Strettle	Common Council Men.
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder		Septimus Robinson	
Joseph Turner, Esq^{r}	Aldermen.	Thomas Bond	
Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}		William Biddle	
Samuel Hasell, Esq^{r}		William Coleman	
Edward Shippen, Esq^{r}		Joseph Shippen	
Abraham Taylor, Esq^{r}		Andrew Hamilton	
William Till, Esq^{r}		Richard Nixon	
Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r}		William Shippen	

The Committee appointed to settle the Corporation Accounts, having finish'd the same to the 20th Day of June last; and having now exhibitted to the Board in Writing, an Account of their Proceedings, it was approved of, and order'd to be inserted in the Minutes of Council, being in the following Words, Viz^{t}:

, The Committee appointed by this Board for settling the Cor-
, poration Accounts, having diligently applied themselves to that
, Service do report as follows:

1. , That upon perusing the Accounts & Papers of the former
, Committee, they find the s^{d} former Committee had examin'd the
, following Accounts; some of which they had adjusted, & others
, they had stated, but not fully settled, the Parties concerned not
, having given their Attendance, viz:

, Owen Roberts Account; Ballance due to the Cor-	
, poration as settled by the Committee the 17th Decem-	
, ber, 1731, ...	£48 4 3
, And for an Error in s^{d} Acco^{t} afterwards	
, discover'd, ...	5 4 0
	£53 8 3

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, Owen Owen's Ballance adjusted 24 July, 1728, for
, which he gave his Notes, payable to William Fish-
, bourn, then Treasurer, £56 4s. But by subsequent
, Acco^{t} stated to the 29. 8 ber, 1728, (the said Owen
, not attending,) his Debt, including the Note amounted
, to . . . . . £128 19 —

, Charles Read, Ballance of his Acco^{t} as Sheriff,
, adjnsted by the Committee the 17 February, 1734–5,
, (including also £42 he received when Mayor, of the
, Clerk of the Market,) £85 14 10

, Septimus Robinson's Accounts were settled by the last Com-
, mittee, and it appears that he paid (at several Times) to the
, Treasurer, £71 16s, in full thereof.

, Joseph Breintnal's Account was stated by the for-
, mer Committee, but not fully settled for want of his
, Attendance. The s^{d} Breintnal having never paid
, any thing to the Treasurer, [except a Scale Beam
, which he had taken in part of a Fine, which is still
, in the Treasurers Hands,] The Ballance appears
, to be, ... £84 11 —

, As to John Leech, late Vendue Master's Debt, this Committee
, beg Leave to refer the Board to the following Minute of Coun-
, cil, viz:

, At a Common Council 4 Jan, 1730, Alderman Plumsted &
, William Atwood report, That they have treated with John Leech
, about the rent due to the Corporation, and that the s^{d} John Leech
, is willing to pay the Sum of Forty Pounds in Discharge of the
, same. This Board having taken the same into Consideration,

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, do agree, That upon the s[d] Leech'[s] paying the Sum of Fifty , Pounds, & the Costs of Suit, he be discharged from the Debt of , Seventy seven Pounds ten Shillings, due to this Corporation.

, William Fishbourn, the former Treasurer's Acc[ot], was stated , by the last Committee, by which there appears to be a Ballance , of 8[s] 9½ in his Favour. But by a Paper now in the Hands of this , Committee, they find he made several Objections to that Settle- , ment.

2. , By inspecting the present Treasurers Acco[t], they find That , Patrick Baird, Vendue Master, has paid the Rent of his Stall , under the Court House in full to the 12 March, 1746–7.

, That John Baird, who rented the new Stalls, paid the Treasurer , in all £245 in full for Rent to 22 January, 1745–6, from which , Time William Paschall Accounts for the same.

, That William Rawle & his Executors have paid the Treasurer , since the Commencement of his Lease of the Ferry to Coopers, , 6 years Rent, to the 25 March, 1747, amounting to £180.

, That there is due from Baltes Resar & John Lucan on Bond, , dated the the Sum of £150, being , the Money presented to the Corporation by James Hamilton, Esq[r], , late Mayor of this City.

, That Charles Stow was paid by an order on the Treasurer of , 29 Feb, 1743–4, the Sum of £29 10[s] in full, for his Services to , that Time.

3. , Respecting the Accounts that have come under the Con- , sideration of this Committee, they have to add,

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, That they have stated the Ballance due from the Estate of , Thomas Griffitts, Esq^r, deceasd; Which, if right, (his Accounts , being somewhat imperfect,) will stand as follows:

, Remaining due on Account of the Subscriptions for pur- , chasing Fire Engines, Buckets, &c., ... £38 9 —

, And for Ballance of the Money he receiv'd of Rich^d Ar- , mit, then Clerk of the Market, ... £60 1 —

[N. B. The Committee have debitted the s^d Thomas Griffitts , in the above mention'd State of the Account, for £135 1^s, paid , him by Rich^d Armitt at three several Payments, the last of which , was £30, as appears by his Receipts. But besides this, said , Armit has Credit given him in Acco^t settled with the Committee , in this Year, 1734, for £30 more, as paid to s^d Griffitts; Which , this Committee take to be a Mistake, occasion'd by inadvertently , creditting s^d Armit for the same £30 in two different Accounts; , Since he can shew Receipts for no more paid to Thomas Griffitts , than the abovemention'd three payments, nor has s^d Griffitts , given Credit for any more. If this be so, Richard Armit is still , indebted to the Corporation in the Sum of £30.]

, That they have settled the Acco^t of Daniel Radley, late Col- , lector of the Stall Rents, the Ballance of which is since paid to , the Treasurer.

, That William Paschall, Clerk of the Market, his Acco^t settled , with the Committee, stands as follows, viz:

, Ballance due from him as Collector of the Old Stall , Rents, reckon'd to the 25 March last, . . . 37 16 3

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, Ballance due from him on Acco[t] of the New Stalls, , (rented by him at the Rate of £60 p Annum,) to , the 31 April last, ...	41 10 —
Due in all, ...	£79 6 3

, Thnt upon stating the Accounts of what was due to Robert , Assheton, Esq[r], deceas'd, as Recorder, And to Ralph Assheton, , late Clerk of the Common Council, & debitting the several Pay- , ments made to the s[d] Ralph Assheton by Order of this Board, , they find there is overpaid on the s[d] Account £1 2 8[d].

, That upon stating the Acco[t] of what was due to Andrew , Hamilton, Esq[r], deceas'd, the late Recorder, & the several Pay- , ments made, they find a Ballance of £26 3 4[d], due from this , Corporation.

, That they have settled with John Wyatt, late Sheriff, for Fines , collected by him due to the Corporation; who has paid the Trea- , surer at two Payments £108 4 1[d] in full.

, That they have settled with Nicholas Scull, the present Sheriff, , and after deducting £29 18 6 paid the Treasurer, find there , remains a Ballance due from him of £48 10 6, Part of which , he alledges is out standing.

, That upon stating an Account with James Coultis for Rent of , the Ferry at Schuylkill, they find due from him to the 19 Feb- , ruary last, the Sum of £109. After having discounted £150, , which this Board agreed to advance towards building a new , Ferry House.

, That they have examin'd the Acco[t] of Samuel Hassell, Esq[r], , Treasurer, by which it appears that he has receiv'd on Account

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, of this Corporation, the Sum of £2228 10 11 to the 18 June, , 1747, And paid away to the same time the Sum of £1678 17 3½, , On which Sums he charges Commission, five p Cent for receiv- , ing & five for paying, amounting to. £195 7 6. The Ballance , then due to this Corporation being £354 6 1½d. As this Ac- , count relates to several Transactions which this Committee are , not fully acquainted with, they beg Leave to lay the same before , the Board for a further Examination.

, That there is due to William Allen, Esqr, Recorder, for his , Salary from the 7th August, 1741, to the 7 August, 1746, being , 5 years at £25 p Annum, the Sum of £125.

, And to Andrew Hamilton, as Clerk of the Common Council, , from 27th Febry 1745–6, to the 27 February 1746–7, the Sum of , £25.

4. , This Committee do also represent to the Board, That the , Yearly Income now growing due to the Corporation (besides what , arises from Fine or Amerciaments) they find to be as follows, viz:

, From the Executors of William Rawle, dec'd, for , Rent of the Ferry from this City to Cooper's Land- , ing £30 p ann. (The Lease commencing 25 March , 1741, for 7 Years).	£30 —
From Patrick Baird, for Rent of a Stall for the Ven- dues under the Court House, payable 12 March year- ly £25 p annum.	£25 —
From William Paschall for Rent of the New Stalls to the Eastward of the Court House, £60 p annum, as p. Minutes of Council, (the Lease for the same (not being yet executed) is to commence 31 July, 1746.)	£60 —
Amount carried forward,	£115 —

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Amount brought forward,	£115 —
, The Stalls to the Westward of the Court House, , when all lett, (as they commonly are) yeild £84 p an- , num. The Collectors Commission for receiving and , paying at 10 p Cent deducted, reduces it to about , £75 16 p annum.	£75 16
, From James Coultas, for Rent of the Ferry at , Schuylkill, (p Lease commencing 19 August 1744, , for 7 Years) £100 p annum. But the sd Coultas be- , ing obliged by a Clause in his Lease, to pay the Ad- , ditional Rent or Interest of so much as shall be ex- , pended by the Corporation in purchasing Ground for , accommodating the sd Ferry, or making any addition- , al Buildings or Improvements: and the Sum of £150 , which the Corporation agreed to advance towards , Building a New Ferry House, being discounted in set- , tling with him for 1½ Years Rent, ending 19 February , 1745–6. From that Time this Committee conceive , he is to pay £109 p annum, to which he also agrees.	£109 —
For Interest of Resar & Lucan's Bond for £150, at 6 p Cent p annum,	£ 9 —
The whole amounting to, p annum	£308 16

All which is submitted to the Correction of this Board.

p' Edward Shippen
Attwood Shute
William Coleman

Philadelphia, June 20th 1747.

The foregoing Report of the Committee of Accounts being read, Paragraph by Paragraph, & consider'd by the Board, It is order'd that the several Sums due from the Estates of Owen Roberts, Owen Owen, Charles Read & Joseph Breintnall, be struck off from the

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List of Debts due to this Corporation, as being desperate & not recoverable.

But as to John Leeche's debt, his Widow having petition'd the Board for some Abatement thereon, in Consideration of sundry Hardships & Inconveniences which her deceasd Husband Suffer'd while he held the office of Vandue-Master; It is now agreed by the Board that in Case she will forthwith pay to the Treasurer the sum of £40, with the Costs of the Suit formerly commenc'd against her said Husband, she be Discharged from the s^{d} Debt—Otherwise the Treasurer is order'd to obtain a new Execution for the whole Sum due.

The Treasurer is likewise order'd to serve the Executors of Thomas Griffitts with a Copy of the Account settled by the Committee, and demand the Ballance due.

The Treasurer having charged Commission on the Sum presented to the Corporation by James Hamilton, Esq^{r}, some Objection was made to that Charge; whereupon the Treasurer agreed to take it off, by giving Credit for the same in the next Account.

The Committee having left Blanks in their Report for the Sums due to William Allen, Esq^{r}, & Andrew Hamilton, their Salaries not having been ascertain'd by any Minute of Council, It is now Voted that £25 p annum be allow'd to each of them for their respective Services, and that the Blanks in the s^{d} Report be filled up accordingly.

It appearing to the Board by the above Report, & from the Treasurers Account of what he has received Since; that there is now a considerable Ballance in his Hand: It is order'd That he pay to the Executors of Andrew Hamilton, deceas'd, the Sum of £26 3:4

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due from this Corporation. And that he likewise pay to William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder, the Sum of £140: 16: 8 in full for his Salary to the 25 Day of March last; And to Andrew Hamilton, the Sum of £25: 18: 11 in full for his Salary to the same time; And that for the Time to come all the Officers of the Corporation be regularly paid their Salaries on the 25th Day of March yearly.

The Lot of Ground on which the Publick Alms-Houses are built in this City, being invested in this Corporation by a Deed from William Allen, Esq. to the Mayor & Commonalty; And the City Assessors having requested of the Board a Deed to them, setting forth that the said Ground is held by the s^{d} Mayor & Commonalty in Trust only for the Use of the said City: It is unanimously agreed by the Board that the Mayor do execute Such a Deed in Behalf of this Corporation.

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At a Comon Council held at philad^{a} the 18th Sep^{r} 1747.

present

William Attwood, Esq^{r}, Mayor
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldren, Esq^{rs}:
Samuel Hasel
George Fitzwater
Thomas Lawrence
William Till
Benjamin Shoemaker
Joseph Turner
Abraham Taylor
Edward Shippen

Comon Council men:
Richard Nixon
Joshua Maddox
Sept^{s} Robinson
John Dilwyn
W^{m} Logan
Joseph Morris
Isr^{l} pemberton
Sam^{l} Mickle

Comon Council men:
Isaac Jones
Attwood Shute
Rich^{d} Stanley
W^{m} Coleman
W^{m} Biddle
John Inglis
Alex^{r} Graydon
Thos Bond
George Emlen
Charles Willing
Joseph Shippen
Rob^{t} Strettle
Geo House
Sam^{l} Roads
Nath^{l} Allen
Geo Mifflin
John Warder
W^{m} Plumsted
Tho^{s} Hopkinson
W^{m} Shippen

Mr Andrew Hamilton, late Town Clerk, and Clerk of the Common Council being dead, The Board took into Consideration the choosing some proper person to succeed him in those Offices, but some Members objecting That this Board had not a Right to Choose a Town Clerk, and insisting That the said office was in the Disposal of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen only; That point was fully debated, and after some time spent therein, the Question

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was put Whether this Board had the Right of choosing a Town Clerk, as well as a Clerk of the Comon Council, and it passed in the affirmative, as well by a Majority of Votes of the Aldermen as of the Comon Council men. Them the Board proceeded to the choice of a Town Clerk and a Clerk of the Comon Council, and William Coleman, of Philad^{a}, Merc^{t}, was chosen to the said Offices by a Majority of Votes.

It was represented to the Board by the present Mayor, That as the Time of Election of a Mayor for the ensuing year is at hand, and of late years it has been a Difficulty to find persons willing to serve in that office, by reason of the great Trouble which attends the faithful Execution of it; He therefore moved, That for the future some Allowance be made to the Mayor's of this City out of the Stock of the Corparation, for the support of the Dignity of that Office, and as some Compensation for their Trouble. The Board taking the same into Consideration, the Motion was approved, and the Question being put Whether One hundred pounds per Annum should be allowed and paid out of the Corporation Stock for those purposes for Three Years to come, it passed in the affirmative

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 6th Day of October 1747, P. M.

Present

William Attwood, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr Recorder

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel Hasel
- Thomas Lawrence
- George Fitzwater
- Joseph Turner
- Benjn Shoemaker
- Abraham Taylor
- Edward Shippen
- William Till

Common Council Men.
- Israel Pemberton
- Wm Shippen
- John Dilwin
- Richd Nixon
- Samuel Austin
- Attwood Shute
- Richd Stanley
- Wm Plumsted

Common Council Men.
- Isaac Jones
- William Biddle
- Joseph Morris
- William Logan
- Charles Willing
- John Inglis
- Thos Hopkinson
- Thos Bond
- Nathl Allen
- Joseph Shippen
- Robert Strettle
- George House
- George Mifflin
- Sept Robinson
- Wm Coleman
- Saml Rhoades
- Saml Mickle
- Joshua Emlen
- William Parsons
- John Warder

Pursuant to the Charter, the Board proceeded to the Choice of a Mayor for the ensuing Year, and Alderman Morris was chosen by a Majority of Votes.

Joshua Maddox, Charles Willing & William Plumsted, are chosen Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes.

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And John Mifflin, John Stamper, John Sober, Tench Francis, John Wilcox, Samuel M^{c}Call, jun^{r}, Phineas Bond & Joseph Sims, are elected Common Council Men for this City by a Majority of Votes.

Alderman Morris, the Mayor elect, not being present, Charles Willing & Samuel Rhoads were appointed to wait on him, to acquaint him the Board had chosen him Mayor for the Year ensuing.

The two Members appointed to acquaint Alderman Morris that he was elected Mayor, return'd, & inform'd the Board they had been at his House, and were told by his Daughter he was gone out of Town.

The Board being under some Difficulty for want of knowing whether the Mayor Elect would serve in the sd Office, concluded to meet again in the Afternoon, to consider what was proper to be done on this Occasion.

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At a Common Council held at Philad^{a} the 6th Day of October 1747, P. M.

Present

William Attwood, Esq^{r}, Mayor
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Thomas Lawrence
Samuel Hasel
George Fitzwater
Joseph Turner
Benjamin Shoemaker
Abraham Taylor
Edw^{d} Shippen
William Till

Common Council Men.

Charles Willing
Isaac Jones
William Biddle
Tho^{s} Hopkinson
William Shippen
Thomas Bond
John Inglis
William Parsons

Common Council Men.

Joshua Maddox
Israel Pemberton
Samuel Rhoads
Joshua Emlen
William Logan
Rich^{d} Standley
John Dilwin
Rich^{d} Nixon
Attwood Shute
William Plumsted
Robert Strettle
George House
Nathaniel Allen
George Mifflin
John Warder
Sep^{t} Robinson
Joseph Shippen
William Coleman.

The Board being met to Consider what was necessary to be done on Occasion of the Mayor Elect's being gone out of Town: The Recorder inform'd the Board that he had Consulted the Attorney General, and it was his Opinion that a written Notice should be sent to Alderman Morris's House, signifying he was so elected as aforesaid; and likewise that a Messenger should be dispatch'd

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into the Country where it was said he was gone, with a like Notice, who should endeavour to procure his Answer whether he would serve in the s[d] Office or Not. In which Opinion a Majority of the Board concurr'd; And accordingly two such Notices were made out and sign'd by the Clerk, and the City Seal affix'd to each, by Order of the Board: One of which was deliver'd to Charles Stow, to be left with Alderman Morris's Wife, or some one of his Family if he should not be come home; And the other was deliver'd to James Whitehead, who was order'd to go up into Bucks County, or where elsé he might be inform'd Alderman Morris was gone, & endeavour to serve him personally with the sd Notice, and bring his Answer to the Board at their Next Meeting.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 9[th] Day of October 1747.

Present

William Attwood, Esq[r], Mayor

William Allen, Esq[r], Recorder

Esq[rs], Aldermen.
- Samuel Hasell
- George Fitzwater
- Edward Shippen
- Joseph Turner
- William Till
- Abraham Taylor
- Benjamin Shoemaker

Common Council Men.
- Israel Pemberton
- Joseph Morris
- William Logan
- John Dilwyn
- Samuel Mickle
- Attwood Shute

Common Council Men.
- William Parsons
- Samuel Rhoads
- Charles Willing
- William Biddle
- Richard Nixon
- William Plumsted
- Isaac Jones
- John Inglis
- Robert Strettle
- Joshua Maddox
- George Mifflin
- Nathaniel Allen
- John Warder
- George House
- Sept Robinson
- Tho[s] Hopkinson

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James Whitehead, the Person employ'd to serve Alderman Morris with Notice of his being elected Mayor, being calld in and sworn, said, That he had been up into Bucks County, & at Trenton, where it was said Mr Morris was gone, and tho he had used his utmost Endeavours, that he had not been able to find him.

Charles Stow being likewise call'd in and sworn, said, That he had been at the Dwelling House of Alderman Morris, and read the Notice he was sent with, to his Wife, and would have deliver'd it to her, but she refused to receive it, and said her Husband was from Home, and she believed he would not return till Saturday Night.

The Board then considering that since the Mayor Elect did not appear, to accept of the said Office, and take & subscribe the usual Qualifications within the Time limitted by Charter, although the proper Means had been used to give him Notice of his Election, it was necessary to proceed to a new Choice; And thereupon William Attwood, Esq^{r}, was Chosen Mayor for the Year ensuing by a Majority of Votes.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 19th Day of October 1747.

Present

William Atwood, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel Hassell
- Abraham Taylor
- Anthony Morris
- William Till
- William Plumsted
- Charles Willing
- Edward Shippen

Comon Council Men.
- Samuel Rhoads
- Joseph Morris
- John Stamper
- Joshua Emlen

Comon Council Men.
- John Mifflin
- Tench Francis
- Thos Hopkinson
- Joseph Sims
- Samuel McCall, junr
- John Wilcox
- John Inglis
- John Sober
- Thomas Bond
- Robert Strettle
- George Mifflin
- William Logan
- Septimus Robinson
- William Coleman

The Petition of Dennis Flord was read, setting forth that he was fined in a Court of Record held for this City the Sum of Five Pounds for keeping a publick House without Licence; And being very poor & unable to work at his Trade, having lost the sight of one of his Eyes, & the Sight of the other is very bad, humbly prays the said Fine may be remitted. The Board having considerd the Petitioners Circumstances, & his Inability to follow his Trade, do remit one Moiety of the sd Fine.

The Petition of Sarah Levine was read, Setting forth that she was fined Five Pounds in October last, for keeping a Publick House without Licence, & that being unable to pay the sd Fine, humbly

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prays the Board will remit the same or some part thereof. The Board, in Consideration of the Petitioners Poverty, do remit one Half the sd Fine.

The Petition of Leonore Martina was read, setting forth she was fined the preceeding year the Sum of Ten Pounds for having had a Bastard Child, & that being very poor & having the sd Child to maintain, she is not able to pay the said Fine. The Board having considerd the Premises do remit the same.

The Petition of Joseph Dean was read, setting forth that he hath been a Prisoner in the Goal of this City thirteen Months, having been convicted of Petty Larceny, & punished according to law; that he was also fined Fifty Shillings, which, he being old & almost blind, is utterly unable to pay, and must remain Prisoner during Life, unless the sd Fine be remitted. The Board, therefore, in Compassion to the Petitioners Circumstances, do remit the sd Fine.

The Petition of Margaret Oneal was read, setting forth that she was fined at the Mayors Court for retailing Liquor without Licence, for which & the Court Charges, she was committed; that she being an Object of Charity, & likely to suffer in the Condition she is in, humbly prays the sd Fine may be remitted. The Board having Consider'd the Petitioners Case do remit the sd Fine.

It being represented to the Board that the Swamp between Budd's Buildings & Society Hill, in the Condition it now lies, is a very great nusance, and injurious to the Health of the Inhabitants of the City living near it; The Board having taking the same into Consideration were unanimously of the same Opinion. Whereupon a Motion was made & agreed to by the Board, that Samuel Powel, John Stamper, Samuel Rhoads, Edward Warner, Benjamin Franklin, & William Logan, be desired to view the said Swamp, & consider

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of the best Means of removing the Nusance complain'd of, and what will be the best Method of improving the sd Swamp for the general Use and Benefit of the City, and report their Opinion concerning it to this Board as soon as conveniently may be. It was also resolved by the Board that the Mayor & Recorder, with alderman Taylor, Tench Francis, & Thomas Hopkinson, be a Committee to draw up an Address to the Proprietor on this Occasion, to be laid before next Common Council for their Approbation.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 26th day of November 1747.

Present

William Attwood, Esq, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder
George Fitzwater, Edward Shippen, Charles Willing } Esqrs Aldermen.

Septimus Robeson, Samuel Rhoads, Joshua Maddox, Attwood Shute, John Wilcox, Samuel McCall, junr, William Parsons, Joseph Sims, William Coleman } Common Council Men.

The Mayor proposed to the Consideration of the Board, that since the Inhabitants of the City seem now generally apprehensive that the Enemies of Our King & Country, incouraged by their Knowledge of our defenceless State, have form'd a Design of attacking us next Spring, Whether it might not be proper to petition the Honble Proprietors of this Province to send over a Number of

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Cannon for erecting a Battery, with such a Quantity of Arms & Ammunition as to them shall seem meet. And a Majority of the Board being of Opinion that such a Petition is requisite, & that the same ought to be forwarded by the next Ship for London, a Draught thereof was brought & read at the Board; and being approved of, it was orderd to be ingross'd and Signed by the Mayor, in order to be transmitted accordingly; being in the following Words, viz:

"To The Hon^ble^ Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires,
"true & absolute Proprietors & Governours in chief of the
"Province of Pensylvania & Counties of New Castle, Kent
"& Sussex, upon Delaware.

"The humble Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of
"the City of Philadelphia in Behalf of themselves & Others,
"the Inhabitants of the said City,

"Showeth,

"That as the Enemies of our King & Country "are but too well acquainted with the defenceless State of this City, "and by means of their Privateers coming within the Bay [as "they did divers Times last Summer] have gain'd some Knowledge "of the Navigation of the Bay & River, We have the greatest "Reason to apprehend they will make some Attempt against us the "next Spring, or as soon as they can gather a sufficient Force for "such an Enterprise.

"That the people are now pretty generally alarmed at their "Danger, and seem more than ever disposed to come into measures "for their mutual Defence & Security.

"That your Petitioners being well assured that the "Hon^ble^ Proprietors have the greatest Regard for the Safety and

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"Well-being of the City of Philadelphia, and at this time finding the "People inclined to make Use of all Means in their Power for its "Defence, are thereby emboldned humbly to petition Y^r Honours to "send over a Number of large Cannon in order to erect a Battery "or Batteries that may command the Passes of the River, together "with such Arms & Ammunition as to you shall seem necessary "on this pressing Occasion.

"And your Petitioners, with grateful Hearts, shall ever ac- "knowledge so great a Benefaction, as will as the many others re- "ceived from the Proprietary Family; and as in Duty bound shall "pray, &c.

"Sign'd by order of the Board,

"W^m Attwood, Mayor.

It being represented to the Board that the Scheme of a Lottery for raising Money for the Use & Benefit of this City is set on Foot, and in some Forwardness, and that it was thought that if it was approved of by this Board, and some persons appointed by them to oversee & inspect the Management thereof, it might give a Sanction and Credit thereof; it was thereupon resolved by the Board that they do approve thereof, and that at the next Meeting of the Common Council they will appoint some Persons to inspect the same accordingly.

The Petition of Alexander M^cKenzie was read, setting forth that he was fined Five Pounds at the last Mayor's Court, for keeping a Publick House without Licence: that he is old and infirm, and his Wife a Cripple; and being without any means of getting a Lively-hood, is far from being able to pay the s^d Fine: The Board having consider'd the Premises, do remit the said Fine.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 18th day of January 1747–8.

Present

William Attwood, Esq, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel Hassell
- Abraham Taylor
- Joseph Turner
- William Plumstead
- Benja Shoemaker
- Edward Shippen
- William Till
- Thomas Lawrence
- Charles Willing

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robeson
- Isaac Jones
- John Wilcox
- Thos Hopkinson
- Saml McCall, junr
- Alexander Graydon
- Phineas Bond
- Joseph Sims
- Joseph Shippen
- Robert Strettell
- John Stamper
- William Biddle
- Joshua Maddox
- John Sober
- Richard Nixon
- Wm Coleman

The Petition of John Church & Thomas Stewart was read, setting forth That the sd Petitioners have Water Lots adjoining the South Side of Cedar Street, and are now about to improve the Same by building Wharves thereon: And that they conceive it would be for the advantage of the City if a Publick Wharf at the End of the sd street were carried out at the same Time, As it might be done more conveniently & at less Expense than afterwards. The sd Petitioners further proposed to the Board to build a good and Sufficient Wharf at the End of the sd Street at their own Expence, provided this Board will allow them to receive the Profits thereof for thirty Years, unless the Board should think fit to pay them the

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Cost and take it into their own Hands sooner. The Board having Consider'd the Contents of the s[d] Petition, do appoint Richard Nixon & Samuel Rhoads to view the place & report their Opinion of the Cost of building such a Wharf, that this Board may be the better able to judge whether the said Proposals ought to be agreed to or not.

The Mayor having acquainted the Board that the Lottery which had been set on foot in this City, for the Benefit of the Publick, remains yet unfill'd, a considerable Number of Tickets lying yet in the hands of the Managers undisposed of, tho' the Day first appointed for drawing the same was now come; proposed, in order to further & encourage so useful a Scheme, that a number of the s[d] Lottery Tickets be taken up on the Account & at the Risque of this Corporation.

The Board having maturely consider'd the s[d] Proposals, & being convinced that the Money to be raised by the said Lottery was intended principally to be laid out for the Security & Defence of this City, & that without some assistance from the Board at this time, the drawing of the s[d] Lottery might be too long postponed, The Question was put, Whether Two Thousand of the said Lottery Tickets should be taken out on the Account & at the Risque of this Corporation? which was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

In pursuance whereof it is Order'd, That the Treasurer of this Corporation do apply to the Managers of the s[d] Lottery for Two Thousand of the s[d] Tickets, and give his Note or Notes for the same in behalf of this Corporation, to the following Effect, That he, the said Treasurer, has received of the s[d] Managers such a Number of Tickets, on the Account of this Corporation, which, by a Vote of the Board of this Day, is bound & obliged to pay the

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Loss, if any shall accrue upon the s[d] Tickets when drawn, to the Said Managers, or such other person or persons as shall be appointed to receive the same.

The Board have nevertheless agreed that if it shall appear after the remaining part of the s[d] Lottery Tickets are disposed of by the said Managers, that there are Purchasers ready to take off more, the s[d] Treasurer shall be & is hereby impower'd to sell out at the Prime Cost, so many of the Tickets taken up as aforesaid for this Corporation, as there may be a Demand for, before the day fixt upon by the s[d] Managers to make an End of the Sale.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 24[th] Day of February 1747–8.

Present

William Attwood, Esq, Mayor
William Allen, Esq, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Samuel Hassell
- Abraham Taylor
- Tho[s] Lawrence
- Benj[a] Shoemaker
- Edw Shippen
- William Plumsted
- Charles Willing

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robinson
- Rich[d] Nixon
- Samuel Rhoads
- John Stamper
- William Parsons
- John Sober
- Sam[l] M[c]Call, jun[r]
- Phineas Bond
- Tho[s] Hopkinson
- William Shippen
- William Logan
- Joseph Sims
- Robert Strettell
- Joshua Maddox
- John Inglis
- Thomas Bond
- William Coleman

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The Petition of William Cooper, one of the Executors of William Rawle, deceased, was read, setting forth That as the Lease granted to the said William Rawle for the Ferry from this City to West Jersey is near expiring, the said Executors are willing to take a New Lease for the same until the Son of the s^{d} William Rawle comes to be of age. The Board having considered the s^{d} Petition, & the Value of the s^{d} Ferry, do agree that a New Lease thereof be granted to the s^{d} Executors at the Rate of Thirty Pounds p annum, to commence from the Twenty fifth day of March next, for a Term not exceeding Seven Years.

Samuel Powell, John Stamper, Samuel Rhoads, Benjamin Franklin & William Logan, having been nominated at a Common Council held for this City the 19th Day of October last, as proper persons to Consider & advise upon the best means of improving the Swamp between Budds Building & Society Hill, for the general Use & Benefit of this City, & preventing its being any longer a Nusance to the Inhabitants; have now delivered in their Report to the Board in Writing, being in the following Words, viz:

„ In pursuance of the above order we have viewed the swamp „ between Budd's Building's & Society Hill, & are of opinion, & „ find it also to be the Opinion of many of our Fellow Citizens with „ whom we have conferr'd,

„ That a Convenient Dock of Sixty Feet Wide, as far as the „ said Swamp extends Westward, a Branch of Thirty Feet wide „ on the South West, & forty Feet wide on the North West, be „ left open for the Reception of Flats, Boats, & other small Craft „ which may be used on the s^{d} Dock. That the Remainder ought „ to be fill'd up above the Tide, & walled in with a good sufficient „ Stone Wall, and made Landing Places for Wood or other Things,

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„ which may hereafter be brought by Water for the Use of the „ Inhabitants of this City; That the s^d^ Dock be dug out & cleansed „ so deep that the Bottom may be always cover'd with Water; „ That the Channel under the Bridge in Front Street be continued „ the Width of the s^d^ Bridge to the East Side of Water Street, „ there to widen gradually by sloap Lines on each Side, so as to „ be sixty or eighty Feet wide, & to Continue that Width to the „ River Channel, & to be dug out & walled as aforesaid, agreeably „ to a Plan now laid before the Board; That the Common Sewer „ on the South West Branch be continued to the Dock. But this „ will be attended with a considerable Expence, & the dangerous „ Nusance complained of not effectually removed, unless the whole „ Dock, so far as to the Third Street, be in like manner dug out, „ cleansed & walled up. We have (least it should appear too „ great a Burden to be borne by the City,) applied to several of „ the Inhabitants, Owners of Ground adjoining the said Dock, who, „ taking the Premisses into serious Consideration, have, (for Re- „ moval of so publick & dangerous Nusance, as far as in them „ lies, and also for procuring a sufficient Quantity of Water in „ Case of Fire in that part of the City,) agreed each for himself, „ his Heirs, Executors & Administrators, to dig out, cleanse & wall „ their several & respective Shares of the said Dock which are „ opposite to their respective Lots, and to keep them forever clean „ & in good Repair; On Condition That the Profits arising from „ the landing of Wood and other Things on the Bank of the s^d^ „ Dock opposite to their Lots, may belong to them, their Heirs „ & Assigns respectively; And that the City shall make Flood- „ Gates at their several Bridges, and do all their Part in the „ Premises.

„ And this Method we hope will be approved of by the Board, „ notwithstanding the Conditions proposed by the s^d^ Undertakers,

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„ when it is consider'd that the whole Dock, from Budd's Buildings „ to Third Street, has generally been made at a Private Expence, „ and landing Places in those Narrow Streets will not answer the „ Charge of making to any but to such whose Estates will, in other „ Respects be Benefitted thereby.

„ Upon the whole, as the Nusance is of such a Nature, & should „ it continue, may be of fatal Consequence in preventing the „ Growth and Increase of this City by discouraging Strangers (to „ whom every Mortality, at a Distance is greatly magnified) from „ coming among us, or filling our own Inhabitants with Fears and „ perpetual Apprehensions, while it is suspected to propogate infec- „ tious Distempers, We humbly propose that a Tax be laid on the „ City, & Money raised for doing all those parts which appertain „ to the Publick, and the whole Nusance be removed. It is, never- „ theless, submitted to the Judgment of the Board by,

Samuel Powell
John Stamper
Samuel Rhoads
B. Franklin
Will^m Logan.

The Board having consider'd the s^d Report, and that the Method proposed therein for improving the Swamps & digging & cleaning out the Dock would, if pursued, be attended with a considerable Expence, were of Opinion it would be proper, before any Resolution be taken by this Board, that the Magistrates confer with the City Assessors in Relation to the raising Money for that Purpose, and that in the mean time, the Matters contain'd in the s^d Report remain under Consideration.

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At a Common Council held a Philadelphia the 23d Day of May 1748.

Present

William Attwood, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder

Samuel Hassell
Benjn Shoemaker
Joseph Turner,
Edwd Shippen
William Till
Charles Willing
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

Richard Nixon
Sept Robinson
John Mifflin
John Sober
Saml McCall, junr
William Logan,
Joshua Maddox
Robert Strettell
John Warder
George Mifflin
William Coleman
Thos Hopkinson
John Stamper
} Common Council Men.

The Mayor acquainted the Board that frequent complaints had been made of the Mismanagement of the Wood Corders in this City, to which if possible some remedy ought to be applied; that Owen Roberts and John Pickel, two Freeholders, had lately applied to the Magistrates to be appointed to that Office; & offered to give Security for their good Behaviour therein: And proposed further, in case it should be thought fit to grant them the fees, profits, fines and penalties imposed & settled by sundry Ordinances of this City, for Cording and Wharfage of Wood, &c., for the Term of Four Years from the Sixteenth Instant; to pay to the Mayor & Commonalty, & their Successors, during the sd Term, the yearly Rent or Sum of Fifty Pounds for the Use & Services of this City; and also at their own Proper Cost & Charge to keep & maintain the Publick Wharffs in good Order & Repair.

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The Board having taken these Proposals into Consideration, & being informed that the Rent now offer'd is considerably more than what the said Publick Wharffs had hitherto brought in, clear of Repairs, &c., were unanimously of Opinion That the s^{d} Owen Roberts & John Pickle be appointed the Wood Corders for this City, and be impower'd to receive & take the Cordage, Wharfage, Fines & Forfeitures settled & imposed by Virtue of the Laws & Ordinances of this Corporation, for the Cording, Landing or Lying of Cord Wood, Boards, Planks, Timbers, or other Things on the Several Wharffs hereunder mentioned; (they the s^{d} Owen Roberts & John Pickel, keeping the same Wharffs in good Repair, and paying the s^{d} yearly Rent of Fifty Pounds during the Term aforesaid) viz. The Publick Wharff at the End of Vine Street with the Penny-pot Landing, adjoining thereto; The Publick Wharff at the End of Sassafrax Street; The Publick Wharff at the End of Mulberry Street, The Publick Wharff at the End of High Street; The Publick Wharff at the End of Chesnut Street; The Publick Wharff at the End of Walnut Street; The Publick Wharffs or Landing Places at the End of Dock Street, being Thirty Foot in Breadth above, and as much below the Draw Bridge; And the publick Wharf at the End of Spruce Street, adjoining to Samuel Powel's Ground. And the Mayor is desir'd to execute a proper Instrument, in Writing, to the said Roberts & Pickle for the Purposes aforesaid, & take Security for their good Behaviour & payment of the s^{d} Rent in Behalf of this Corporation.

The Recorder informed the Board that this Corporation had been fortunate in the late Lottery, having gain'd by their Adventure therein, the Sum of £ & desired them to consider how the s^{d} Money should be disposed of; And it being observed that their sole motive for being concern'd in the s^{d} Adventure, was to promote the Publick Benefit, & that the good Ends for which the s^{d} Lottery was

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set on Foot, could not be fully answered without some further Aid & Encouragement, it was resolved by the Board that the said Sum of gained by the Lottery as aforesaid, be given by this Corporation for the Publick Use, & that the same be paid over to William Allen, Esq^{r} & Samuel McCall to be disposed of by the Managers of the s^{d} Lottery in such manner as they shall judge most conducive to the Benefit & Advantage of this City.

The Recorder exhibitted an Account of the Expence of solliciting a Petition presented sometime since from this Board to His Majesty, for putting the Country into a Posture of Defence, w^{ch} amounted to £53 18 4 Sterling, requesting the Board would be pleased to order that he be reimbursed that Sum, the same having been paid by his Agent in London; The Board accordingly do order that the s^{d} Sum of Fifty Three Pounds, Eighteen Shillings & four pence Sterling be paid the Recorder by the Treasurer of this Corporation.

Some Members representing to the Board that it might be proper that an Entertainment be given to Captain Ballet, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Otter, now in this Port, at the Expence of this Corporation, the same was unanimously agreed to, and the Care thereof referr'd to the Mayor & Recorder.

The Petition of Edmund Woolly was read, relating to his being opposed in putting up the Partition Fence between him & Caspar Ulrich pursuant to Regulation, but it being late, the Board referrd the Consideration thereof to the next Common Council.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 14th Day of July 1748.

Present

William Attwood, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder
Samuel Hasell, Edward Shippen, William Plumsted } Esqrs, Aldermen.

Septimus Robeson, Attwood Shute, John Mifflin, Samuel Rhoads, William Shippen, William Logan, George Mifflin, Nathaniel Allen, Joshua Maddox, William Coleman } Common Council.

Nathaniel Allen having petition'd the Board to be appointed Sizer of Measures in the Room of Benjamin Morgan deceas'd, he was unanimously appointed to that Office accordingly.

The Office of Salt Measurer being also become vacant by the Death of the said Benja Morgan, Nehemiah Allen was appointed to succeed him therein by a Majority of Votes.

The Board having at a Common Council held the 9th Day of August 1742, nominated & appointed Sundry Persons Regulators of the Streets of this City, several of whom are since disabled by Sickness, or removed out of Town, have now thought fit to appoint Nicholas Scull & Joseph Fox, together with such of the former Appointment as can attend that Service, Regulators of the Streets of this City.

The Petition of Edmond Woolley relating to his being opposed in putting up a Partition Fence between him & Caspar Ulrich, was

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now taken into consideration, & Nicholas Scull, Joseph Fox & Samuel Rhoads, are appointed by this Board to examine the Lines & Boundaries dividing the Grounds of the said Edmund & Caspar, and make Report to the next Council.

The Mayor acquainted the Board that in lieu of the Entertainment agreed to be made by the last Common Council, to be made for Capt Ballet, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop the Otter, at the Expence of this Corporation, the Magistrates upon further Consideration thereof, had thought a handsome present towards his Sea Stores would be more agreeable to him, and that they had accordingly presented him with one Pipe of Wine, Eight Loaves of Sugar, & twenty Gallons of Rum towards his Stores as aforesaid; which was unanimously approved of by the Board.

The Counterpart of the Lease of the Publick Wharffs made to Owen Roberts and John Pickle, in pursuance of the Minute of Council of the 23d May last, together with their Bond with Sureties for securing the Payment of the Rent & performance of the Covenants therein mentioned, being produced & read to the Board, the same were approved of, & delivered to the Recorder.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the fourth Day of October 1748.

Present

William Attwood, Esq^{r}, Mayor
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder
Samuel Hassell Esq^{r}
Benj^{a} Shoemaker
William Plumsted
Joseph Turner
Abraham Taylor
William Till
Edward Shippen
Charles Willing
} Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

William Shippen
John Inglis
Tho^{s} Hopkinson
John Sober
John Stamper
Joseph Sims
Robert Strettell
George Mifflin
Joseph Stamper
Attwood Shute
W^{m} Coleman
W^{m} Biddle

Septimus Robinson
John Mifflin
Joshua Emlen
Tench Francis
Sam^{l} M^{c}Call, jun^{r}

Joseph Morris
Nathaniel Allen
Isaac Jones
Joshua Maddox
William Logan.

The Board, in pursuance of the Business of the Day, proceeded to the Choice of a Mayor for the Year ensuing, and Alderman Willing was elected by a Majority of Votes. The Board likewise chose Robert Strettell & Septimus Robinson, Esq^{rs}, Aldermen; and Benjamin Franklin & Thomas Lawrence, jun^{r}, Common Council Men for this City.

William Attwood, Esq^{r}, the present Mayor, having proposed to the Board to consider whether it would be most agreeble to them to

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accept the Sum of Sixty Pounds to be added to their Stock in the Treasurer's Hands, or an Entertainment at his Expense; The Board were unanimously of Opinion to accept the said Sum of Sixty Pounds rather than an Entertainment.

Alderman Plumsted & John Sober, were appointed to wait on the President & Council to know when the Board should wait on them to present the Mayor Elect, in order to his being qualified.

The Gentlemen appointed to wait on the President & Council return'd, & acquainted the Board they were ready to receive them. Whereupon the Board waited on the President & Council at the State House, and Alderman Willing, the Mayor Elect, then took and subscribed the qualifications required by Law, and likewise took the Oath of Office as Mayor of this City for the year ensuing.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 16th Day of November 1748.

Present

Charles Willing, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Samuel Hassell
- Abraham Taylor
- William Plumsted
- Robert Strettell
- Joseph Turner
- Edward Shippen
- William Till
- Thos Lawrence

Common Council Men.
- William Biddle
- Samuel Austin
- Attwood Shute
- Thos Lawrence, junr
- Benjamin Franklin
- John Sober
- John Mifflin
- Joseph Sims
- William Shippen
- Phineas Bond
- John Stamper
- John Inglis
- Joshua Maddox
- George Mifflin
- John Warder
- Wm Coleman

The Recorder represented to the Board that in the Lottery now on foot for raising a Sum of Money for the Public Benefit, some Billets of the Second Class remain in the Hands of the Managers. And that as the Day appointed for drawing the same is nigh come, it may happen that they may not all be taken up in due time, and proposed to the Board that, in order to prevent any Delay in an Affair so useful to the Public, a number of the sd Billets be taken up on Account & at the Risque of this Corporation.

The Board having taken the said Proposal into Consideration, agreed to the same; and several Numbers being proposed, the

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Question was put, Whether a Number of the s^{d} Billets of the Second class, not exceeding Four Hundred, if it should be necessary to prevent any Delay in the next Drawing, should be taken out on Account, & at the Risque of this Corporation? Which was carried in the Affirmative by a great majority. In pursuance whereof it is ordered that the Treasurer of this Corporation do take up such a Number of the said Billets, not exceeding Four Hundred, as may remain in the Hands of the Managers of the said Lottery on the Day appointed for the next Drawing, And give his Note or Notes for the same in Behalf of this Corporation.

Robert Strettell, Esq^{r}, elected Alderman, & Benj^{a} Franklin & Thomas Lawrence, jun^{r}, chosen Common Council men of this City at the last meeting of this Board, this day took and subscribed the usual Qualifications, and also those for the due Execution of the said offices, before Charles Willing, Esquire, Mayor.

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At a Common Council held at Philad[a] the 24[th] Day of November 1748.

Present

Charles Willing, Esq[r], Mayor
William Allen, Esq[r], Recorder

Esq[rs], Aldermen.
- Tho[s] Lawrence
- Abraham Taylor
- Joseph Turner
- Samuel Hassell
- W[m] Plumsted
- Benj[a] Shoemaker
- Edw[d] Shippen
- William Attwood
- William Till
- Anthony Morris

Common Council men.
- Septimus Robeson
- John Sober
- Isaac Jones
- Attwood Shute

Common Council men.
- William Biddle
- Sam[l] M[c]Call, jun[r]
- John Mifflin
- Joseph Morris
- Phineas Bond
- William Shippen
- Tho[s] Hopkinson
- John Inglis
- Joseph Sims
- John Wilcocks
- John Stamper
- George Mifflin
- George House
- Tho[s] Lawrence, jun[r]
- Samuel Roades
- John Warder
- William Coleman

The Mayor acquainted the Board that the Occasion of his calling them together at this Time, was to consider whether they thought it proper for this Board to congratulate the Governour, James Hamilton, Esquire, upon his happy Arrival by an Address, to be presented to him in Behalf of this Corporation; And the Board being unanimously of Opinion that the same ought to be done; The Mayor, Recorder, Alderman Shoemaker, Tho[s] Hopkinson & Benjamin Franklin, were appointed a Committee to draw up the Ad-

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dress, and lay the same before the Board for their Approbation to morrow morning; And the Treasurer was desired to have his Account ready at the same time for the Inspection of this Board.

At a Common Council held at Philad^{a} the 25th Day of November 1748.

Present

Charles Willing, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Willam Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esq^{rs}; Aldermen.
- Samuel Hassell
- Abraham Taylor
- Edw^{d} Shippen
- William Plumsted
- Joseph Turner
- William Till
- Benj^{a} Shoemaker
- William Attwood
- Tho^{s} Lawrence

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robinson
- Joseph Morris
- Attwood Shute
- Isaac Jones
- John Mifflin

Common Council Men.
- John Stamper
- Sam^{l} Rhoads
- Thomas Lawrence, jun^{r}
- Phineas Bond
- Sam^{l} M^{c}Call, jun^{r}
- William Shippen
- John Inglis
- John Wilcocks
- John Sober
- William Biddle
- Tho^{s} Hopkinson
- Benjamin Franklin
- John Warder
- George House
- Joshua Maddox
- Joseph Sims
- W^{m} Coleman

The Committee appointed to draw an Address to the Governour, now brought in a Draught of the same, & after some Amendments it was order'd to be ingross'd, and is contained in the following words, viz:

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, To The Honourable James Hamilton, Esquire, Lieutenant
, Governor of the Province of Pensylvania, & Counties of
, New Castle, Kent & Sussex, on Delaware.

, The humble Address of the Mayor & Commonalty of
, the City of Philadelphia in Common Council assembled.

, May it please your Honour,

, We the Mayor & Commonalty, beg leave to con-
, gratulate you on your happy Return to Your Country, and Ac-
, cession to the Government; Events that fill the Hearts of the
, People of all Ranks & Denominations with unfeigned Joy.

, We cannot but esteem it a peculiar Happiness to have a Gentle-
, man appointed our Governour, who is so perfectly acquainted
, with our publick affairs, and whose real Regard to the welfare of
, this Province, and affection for its Inhabitants are so well known
, to us.

, From the long Acquaintance we have had with Your amiable
, private character and the Benevolence of your Disposition; and
, from our Experience of your Integrity & Ability in the Discharge
, of the several publick Offices You have heretofore sustained
, among us; We assure ourselves that this City and Province
, will be happy under your Administration; and that we shall al-
, ways have the highest Reason to be thankful to our Proprietors
, for an Appointment so favourable to the People.

, Signed by Order of the Board,

Cha^{s} Willing, Mayor.

The Board then waited upon the Governour in a Body, and presented the Said Address; to which he was pleased to make the following answer, viz:

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, Gentlemen,

, I am extreamly obliged to you for this early mark , of Respect, but more particularly so for the favourable Opinion you , are pleased to entertain of my private character; And altho' on , the one hand, I am conscious to myself how far short I fall , of what your Partiality for a Countryman may have induced you , to ascribe to me; yet, on the other, I am pround to say, that with , Regard to the sincere Affection I have for the Inhabitants of this , City & Province, you have done me no more than Justice.

, As I have lately had the honour to be admitted to some , share of Confidence with your Proprietors, I can, with the greater , Certainty, declare to you their real Regard for the People; and the , great Satisfaction they take in the Welfare & Prosperity of this , Province; and I am pursuaded, I cannot so effectually recommend , myself to their future Favour, as by making Use of the Powers , they have been pleased to intrust me with, for the Benefit and Ad- , vantage of all those under my Government, which I beg you to , assure yourselves it is my hearty Inclination to do.

The Recorder, by Direction of the Board, then invited the Governour to an Entertainment on Monday next, but the Gov^{r} being obliged to go to New Castle, informed them it would be more convenient for him at another Time; whereupon, Thursday, the 29th Instant, was pitcht upon; And Alderman Plumsted and John Wilcocks, were appointed to take Care that suitable Provision be made for the same.

The Treasurer, as requested at the last Common Council, brought in his Account, whereby there appear'd to be a Ballance of £458 19 10^{d} in his Hands; which was referred to the Committee of Accounts for a further Examination.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 3 Day of October 1749.

Present

Charles Willing, Esq^{r}, Mayor		William Biddle	Common Council Men.
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder		Tench Francis	
Thomas Lawrence	Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.	John Inglis	
Samuel Hassell		George House	
William Attwood		Phineas Bond	
Joseph Turner		Samuel Rhoads	
Edward Shippen		Israel Jones	
Robert Strettell		John Wilcocks	
		John Sober	
		William Shippen	
Nathaniel Allen	Common Council Men.	Septimus Robeson	
Thomas Bond		George Mifflin	
John Stamper		Thomas Lawrence, jun^{r}	
Joseph Sims		Samuel Austin	
Israel Pemberton		Joshua Madox	
Samuel Mickle		Joseph Morris	
Attwood Shute		William Coleman	

Pursuant to the Charter granted to this City by the Hon^{ble} William Penn, Esq^{r}, late Proprietor & Governor in Chief of the Province, the Board proceeded to the Choice of a Mayor for the Year ensuing, and Alderman Lawrence was unanimously chosen for that Office.

A Vote having passed at a Common Council, held the 18th September, 1747, for allowing & paying the Mayors of this City for three years to come, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds p annum, out of the Stock of this Corporation, for supporting the Dignity of

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that Office and as some Compensation for their Trouble; This Matter was now again taken into Consideration, & it being observed that the Circumstances of the City were much altered since that time, & the Business of the Mayoralty grown more profitable, It was therefore unanimously Agreed by the Board that the said Salary should be discontinued after the Expiration of the Year now commenced, when the said Term of three years expires.

The Treasurer is ordered to pay to Charles Willing, Esq^{r}, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds out of the Stock of this Corporation, for his Salary as Mayor, the preceeding Year.

Mr. Willing then observed to the Board that, it has been customary in Time past for the Mayors of this City, at the Close of the Year to give an Entertainment to the Gentlemen of the Corporation; but that if it was agreeable to the Board, he intended in lieu thereof, to present them with the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, for such Uses as the Money heretofore presented them by James Hamilton, Esq^{r}. [now our Governour] was given; to which Proposal the Board unanimously agreed.

Alderman Turner, Alderman Strettell, William Shippen, Thomas Lawrence, jun^{r}, & George House were appointed to wait on the Governor to know when the Board should attend him with the Mayor Elect, in order to his being qualified.

The Gentlemen sent on a Message to the Governor, returned & acquainted the Board he was ready to receive them, whereupon the Board waited on the Governor at his House, & Alderman Lawrence, the Mayor Elect, then took & Subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, & likewise an Oath for the faithful Discharge of the Office of Mayor of this City, for the Year ensuing.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 6th Day of November, 1749.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq, Mayor
William Allen, Esq, Recorder
Charles Willing
Edward Shippen
Samuel Hasell
William Attwood
Robert Strettell
} Esqrs, Aldermen.
Samuel Rhoads
Septimus Robeson
Thomas Bond
William Shippen
Joseph Morris
Joshua Maddox
Thos Lawrence, junr
George Mifflin
Isaac Jones
John Mifflin
William Biddle
William Coleman.

The Mayor acquainted the Board that he had called them together at this Time, on occasion of the great Complaint that had been made to him of the Want of a sufficient & regular Watch being kept up in this City; and proposed that the Constables, whom he had ordered to attend, should be called in and examined one by one, in Relation to the Manner of keeping the Watch at present, and how many & what Sort of People commonly attended that Service. And it appearing to the Board from what the Constables say, that the Watches have of late been frequently so very weak and insufficient, as to be of no manner of Use or Security to City, and that this is occasioned chiefly by some of the Housekeepers who refuse to pay Watch Money, pretending they will attend the Watch duiy when they are warned, but frequeutly neglect to do it.

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The Board having taken this Matter into Consideration, were unanimously of Opinion, that the only effectual Way to remedy this Evil, would be, the obtaining an Act of Assembly, for raising Money by Tax for supporting a regular and stated Watch, as is done in London and other great Towns in England. But as an Application to the Legislature would require Time, & it being requisite that some Method should be immediately taken that may prevent, in some Degree at least, the Neglect now complained of; It was proposed that the Mayor should be Desired to give Directions to the several Constables, that each in his Turn, the Morning following his Watch-Night, do return in Writing to the Mayor, the Names of the persons, by him warned, & likewise of such of them as appeared on the Watch, in Order that such Measures may be taken with the Delinquents as may be thought proper & necessary to oblige them to the performance of their Duty. Whereupon the Constables were again called in, and Directions given them by the Mayor accordingly.

The Board having, at a Common Council held the 14th Day of July, 1748, upon the Petition of Edmond Woolley, appointed certain Persons to examine the Lines & Boundaries dividing the Grounds of the said Edmond & one Caspar Ulrich; the Report of the Persons so appointed was read, being in the following Words, Viz.

, We, the Subscribers, do hereby certifie, that in Pursuance of , the Above appointment, we have carefully examined the Lines & , Boundaries dviding the Grounds of the above named Edmund , Wooley & Caspar Ulrich, and do find that the said Edmund , Woolley hath not more than his Quantity of Ground, according , to his Deeds; and We are of Opinion that the Lines, as formerly , marked out by William Parsons & his Assistants, for the Bounda-

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, ries between the s[d] Edmund Wooley & Caspar Ulrich, are hon-
, estly and regularly fixed.

, Witness our Hands the first Day of September, 1748.

Nicholas Scull
Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Fox.

It being enquired what could be done further towards settling the Difference between the said Parties; the Board upon inspecting the Acts of Assembly concerning the Regulations of Partition Fences, Party-Walls, &[c], are of Opinion, that this Board has no Power, by the said Acts, to do any thing further therein; but that if the said Edmond Wooley should be opposed in putting up his Fence according to this Regulation, he may have an Action of Trespass against the Person so opposing him, which is his only and the proper Remedy.

The Recorder observed to the Board, that it is now a long Time since the Accounts of this Corporation have been fully stated & settled; Whereupon it is Order'd that the Committee of Accounts last appointed, have Notice given them that this Board desires they will proceed to settle the said Accounts as soon as conveniently they can, and that they will have their Report ready to lay before this Board, by the Second Monday in January next, in Case they should not have leisure to do it sooner. Tho[s] Lawrence, jun[r] is added to the said Committee in the Room of Joshua Maddox, who desired to be excused on Account of his being frequently indisposed.

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At a Common Council held in Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 8th Day of Janry, 1749.

Present

Thos Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen. Esqrs,
- Samuel Hassell
- Robert Strettell
- Joseph Turner
- Edwd Shippen
- Benjn Shoemaker

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robeson
- Thos Laurence, junr
- Attwood Shute
- Samuel McCall, junr

Common Council Men.
- Benjn Franklin
- William Logan
- William Shippen
- Samuel Rhoades
- John Ingles
- Israel Pemberton
- Nathaniel Allen
- John Warder
- George Mifflin
- Thomas Bond
- Phineas Bond
- William Coleman

Pursuant to an Order of the last Common Council, The Committee of Accounts now produced the Report of their Proceedings which was delivered in & read; being in the following Words,

, The Committee appointed by this Board to examine & , Settle the Accounts now depending with this Corporation, , report as follows, viz.

, That having settled an Account, in June 1747, with Nicholas , Scull, then Sheriff, there appear'd to be due from him the Sum of , £48 10 6; And by a subsequent Account, this Committee find , due the further Sum of £11 10, in all £60 0 6, which yet re- , mains unpaid.

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, That by Report of the Committee of Accounts, dated 20 , June 1747, it appears they had stated an Account of what Moneys , they supposed were due from the Estate of Thomas Griffitts, Esq^re, , deceased, being (by the said Report) as follows, viz:

, Remaining due on Acco^t of Money subscribed , & paid into his Hands for purchasing Fire , Engines, Buckets, &c., ...	£ 38 9 —
, And what remained in his Hands of Money , paid him by Rich^d Armitt, former Clerk of , the Market, ...	£ 60 1 —

, Which Sums, this Committee are informed, are yet out- , standing.

That they have examined the Accounts of William Paschall, , Clerk of the Market, & find he has paid the Treasurer since last , Settlement £362 9, and that there remains due from him,

, As Collector of the Rents of the Western , Stalls, computed to 25 September last,	£ 26 14 8
, And on Account of the New Stalls (Rented , by him at £69 p ann) computed to 30 Oc- , tober last, ...	£ 15 — —
In all,	£ 47 14 8

, That by Account exhibited to this Committee by Richard Sewall, , Esq, High Sheriff, it appears he has received Sundry Fines due to , this Corporation, amounting to £47 2 5; and discharges himself , thereof, in manner following, viz:

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, Paid William Attwood, Esq^{r}, (who after- , wards paid the same to the Treasurer,)	£13	7	6
, Paid for a Suit of Clothes, Hatt, Shoes, , Stockings, &c., for Daniel, the Whipper, p , Order of y^{e} Magistrates, ...	8	1	5
, Commission for collecting & paying £47 2 5 , a 6 p C., ...	1	3	3
, Ballance paid the Treasurer, ...	24	10	3
	£47	2	5

, That this Committee apprehend the s^{d} Sheriff is chargeable with , Sundry other Sums of Money, due to this Corporation for Fines , in the City Sessions, as p a List thereof made out by the Clerk, , to which they beg Leave to referr, & crave the Direction of the , Board therein.

, That by the Treasurer's Account, it appears that Patrick Baird, , Vendue Master, has paid his Rent for a Stall under the Court , House, in full to 12 March last.

, That James Coultas has paid his Rent of the Ferry over Schuyl- , kill, in full to the 19 February last.

, That the Executors of William Rawle, deceased, have paid the , Rent of the Ferry from this City to Cooper's Landing, in full to , the 25 March last.

, That this Committee having Examined the Treasurer's Acco^{ts}, , find that he has received since last Settlement, the Sum of , £1053 5 —, and paid away £1043 5 1½. The Ballance due

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, to this Corporation, after deducting his Commissions for receiving , & paying, being £259 9 6.

, That several Sums of Money presented to this Corporation to- , wards building an Exchange, or some other Publick Edifice, not , being included in the above, the Account whereof stands as follows:

, Presented by James Hamilton, Esq, 7 October, 1746	£150 — —
by W^m Attwood, Esq, 22 October, 1747	60 — —
by ditto . . . . 22 Aug^t 1749	60 — —
by Charles Willing, Esq^r, 8 Novm .1749.	100 — —
, Three Years Interest paid by Resar & Lucan	27 — —
One Years Interest paid by Ambreister & others,	3 12 —
In all,	£400 12 —

, And the Moneys thus presented having been put out at Interest , pursuant to the Directions of this Board, the several Bonds now in , the Treasurer's Hands, payable to the Mayor & Comonalty or , their Successors are as follows, viz:

, Baltzer Resar & John Lucan's Bond, dated 18 , 8ber 1746.	£150 — —
, Conrad Ambreister, Adam Clempar & Michael , Helligas, their Bond, dated 14 April 1748	60 — —
, Nicholas Power & Michael Helligas, their , bond, dated 31 August 1749 . . .	81 12 —
, James Waln & Joseph Paul, their Bond No- , vem^r 8 1749	100 — —
Amount carried forward, ...	391 12 —

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Amount brought forward, ...	£391 12 —
, Ballance remaining in the Treasurer's Hands , on this Account, ...	9 — —
	£400 12 —

Philad^{a}, Decem^{r} 30 1749.

Edward Shippen
Attwood Shute
W^{m} Coleman
Tho Lawrence, jun^{r}

The said Committee then prayed the Board to take into Consideration the List of Fines imposed in the Mayor's Court to October Term last, many of which Fines they apprehend the Sheriff is yet chargeable with, as not having been remitted by this Corporation. And it appearing to the Board that several of the Fines contained in the said List, were due from persons convicted of Felony, whom the Magistra^{t}es had thought fit to send away out of the Country, as opportunity offer'd, rather than to detain them in Prison at the Expense of the County on Account of the said Fines, which there was no Probability of their ever being able to pay, the Clerk was ordered to strike out the names of all such as they were called over; And several Fines for other Offences due from Persons whose Poverty, and Incapacity of paying the Same, were known to the Board were also remitted, viz:

Margaret Wakely,	fined October Sessions, 1747 .	£5 — —
Robert Jackson, . . .	January 1747	7 — —
William Wiggins, . .	the Same Term	5 — —
Richard Howard, . .	the Same Term	1 — —
Mathew Cummins, . .	July Term, 1748 . . .	5 — —
Sarah Mitchell, . . .	Do	1 —
David Jackson, . . .	Do	5 —

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John Morrison,	fined at	October Sessions, 1748	£ 1	— —
Sarah Mitchell,	. . . Do	. . . . .	5	— —
James Erwin,	. . . January,	1748	5	— —
James Armstrong,	. . Do	. . . . .	5	5 —
Edward Cotter,	. . . Do	. . . . .	2	6
& Deborah Harrison,	. . April,	1749	1	—

The Petition of Daniel Johns, Rebecca Johns & Stephen Phillips (convicted in October Term 1748, of coining & uttering false & counterfeit pieces of Eight) was read, Setting forth, That this was the first & only Offence against the Laws they were ever guilty of; & that it was owing to their extreme Ignorance of the nature & mischievous Consequences of this Crime. That they are very poor & have not wherewith to pay the heavy Fines imposed on them, & therefore humbly praying this Board to remit the same. And the Question being put, whether the said Fines should be remitted, it was carried in the Affirmative by a Majority of Votes.

The Petition of Elizabeth Bushel (convicted in October 1748, of having a Bastard Child by William Hamilton) praying to have her Fine remitted, as being utterly unable to pay the Same; granted.

After Setting off the several Sums remitted by the Board as above said, there still remains on the s[d] List of Fines the following Sums, which the Board expects the Sheriff will collect and pay to the Treasurer, of which the Committee of Accounts are desired to take Notice, viz:

Robert Haislet,	fined at	October Sessions, 1747 . .	£ 5	— —
Franica Reynhart,	. . April,	1748	10	—
William Hamilton,	. . October,	1748	10	— —
Benjamin Hartley,	. . January,	1748	5	—
William Davison,	. . D[o]	. . . . .	5	— —

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Lawrence Little, fined at April Sessions, 1749 . . .	£10	—	—
David Lewis, . . . Dº	3	—	—
Darby Mulhall, . . . Dº	1	—	—
Thomas Connoly, . . July, 1749	1	—	—
James Cotter, . . . Dº	3	—	—
James Forsyth, . . . Dº	5	—	—
Peter Waggoner, . . Dº	4	5	—
George Ducket, . . . October, 1749	5	—	—
Anne Brooks, in the Supreame Court, Sept 1749 .	50	5	—

The Petition of Casper Hydrick was read, Setting forth that he was convicted at the last Mayor's Court for a Nusance, & fined in the Sum of three Pounds; that he committed the said Offence thro' Inadvertency, & is in very poor Circumstances, and therefore praying that his said Fine may be remitted: But it being represented to the Board, that he is an Old Offender, & had been frequently warned to remove the said Nusance without effect; his said Petition is rejected.

The Petition of John Summers was read, Setting forth that he was convicted at the last Mayors Court, of Selling Liquor without Licence, & fined for the said offence in the Sum of five Pounds; that he is but newly come into the Countrey, and did not know that his Selling Liquor as aforesaid, was contrary to Law, and that as he is poor & has a charge of children, humbly prays this Board will remit his said Fine, or at least some part thereof. The Board having taken the Premises into Consideration do remit forty Shillings of the said Fine.

The Petition of Barbara Morgan was read, Setting forth that she was convicted at the last Mayors Court of Felony, and has received the Corporal Punishment adjudged her; that she is much

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advanced in Years, & is so very poor that she is not able to pay even the Costs of Prosecution: The Board therefore have thought fit to remit the Fine due from the said Barbara Morgan to this Corporation.

The Mayor represented to the Board that notwithstanding the Steps he had taken, in Pursuance of the Request of this Board, at their last Meeting, in order to bring the Nightly Watch of this City under some better Regulation, the Matter since that Time was grown rather worse than better, and that the Grand Jury of this City had again presented the Weakness & Insufficiency of the Watch at the last City Sessions: That they had likewise taken Notice, in their Presentment, of some other Matters, which he would recommend to the Consideration of this Board, namely, The extreme Dirtyness of the Streets, not only for want of Pavement in some places, but through the disorderly Practice of throwing out all manner of Dirt and Filth, without any Care taken to remove the same, whereby the Streets that have been regulated at a publick Expence are render'd exceeding deep & miry in wet weather; The Board being of Opinion, now as formerly, (with Regard to the first mentioned Affair) that there can be no effectual Means found for keeping up & maintaining a full & regular Watch without the Aid of a Law for that purpose; and that as the Assembly of this Province is now Sitting, it was necessary to make a new Application to them in Order to obtain such a Law. In Pursuance of this Resolution, the Mayor, Alderman Shippen, William Logan, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Rhoads and William Coleman, were appointed a Committee to draw up a Petition to the Assembly, recounting the former Application from this Board in the Year 1743, & the continued Disorders & Inconveniences arising from the Want of Means for maintaining a strong & regular Watch in this City, which had been the Subject of a late Presentment of the Grand Jury;

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And requesting them earnestly to resume the Consideration of this Affair & make such effectual Provision therein, as to them should seem meet. The same Committee were likewise desir'd to consider of what has been observed relating to the bad Condition of the Streets, and by what Means the People may be induced or obliged to pave and keep them clean for the Future.

The Recorder then acquainted the Board that certain Persons had lately taken upon them to act Plays in this City, and as he was informed, intended to make a frequent Practice thereof; which, it was to be feared, would be attended with very mischievous Effects, such as the encouraging of Idleness & drawing great Sums of Money from weak and inconsiderate People, who are apt to be fond of such kinds of Entertainments tho' the Performance be ever so mean and contemptible. Whereupon the Board unanimously requested the Magistrates to take the most effectual Measures for suppressing this Disorder, by sending for the Actors & binding them to their good Behaviour, or by such other Means as they should judge most proper.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 30th Day of July 1750.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder
Samuel Hassell
Edward Shippen
Benja Shoemaker
Joseph Turner
Robert Strettel
} Esquires, Aldermen.

Septimus Robeson
John Mifflin
John Stamper
Benja Franklin
Thos Hopkinson
Phineas Bond
Tench Francis
Thos Lawrence, junr
Samuel Rhoads
George Mifflin
Wm Coleman
} Common Council Men.

The Recorder acquainted the Board that there is a Design on Foot for the Erecting a Publick Academy and Charity School in this City, for instructing Youth in the several Branches of useful Learning, And that divers of the Inhabitants have subscribed liberally towards it; But as this Undertaking is attended with a great Expence in the Beginning, some further Assistance is necessary to carry it into Execution in the best Manner. And as this Corporation have a considerable Sum of Money in the Hands of their Treasurer, and have likewise an Income of about Three Hundred pounds p. annum, besides Fines and Forfeitures, the Recorder proposed that it might be consider'd, Whether this Design for the Advancement of Learning, be not worthy of some Encouragement from this Board, as their Circumstances may very well afford it.

The Board having taken this Affair into Consideration, and it appearing to be a Matter of Consequence, and but a small Number

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of the Members now present, it was thought proper to referr the further Consideration thereof to the next Common Council: It is therefore Ordered, That the Members of this Board have notice to meet Tomorrow at four a Clock in the Afternoon, to consider of a Proposal of contributing a Sum of Money for the Encouragement of the Academy & Charity School now erecting in this City.

It being observ'd to the Board, that Nicholas Scull has been long indebted to this Corporation in a considerable Sum of Money, & has been often called upon by the Treasurer to pay the same, which he has hitherto neglected to do: It is therefore Order'd, That the Treasurer do acquaint him it is expected by this Board that he either discharge the s^{d} Debt within Eight Days next ensuing, or give his Bond with Security for the Payment thereof, with Interest, to the Mayor & Commonalty of this City.

It appearing by the Report of the Committee of Accounts delivered in some time ago, that there is a debt Due to this Corporation from the Estate of Thomas Griffitts, Esq^{re}, deceased, and the Treasurer informing the Board that his Executor, Isaac Griffitts, hath hitherto refused or neglected to pay the same; It is Order'd that the said Isaac Griffitts be served with Notice, that it is expected by this Board that he do immediately discharge the said Debt, or otherwise that he attend the Board To-morrow at four a Clock in the Afternoon, to show Cause, if any he hath, for his Refusal.

The Sheriff of the City of Philadelphia having had notice in January last, that this Board required him to collect and pay to the Treasurer, the several Fines contain'd in a List deliver'd him by the Clerk, being such as this Board, after Consideration had thereon, thought not proper to remit; It is order'd, That the Treasurer call

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upon him for the said Moneys, and in Case he do not pay the same, that he be desired to attend this Board To-morrow at four a Clock in the Afternoon, to show Reasons for his Non-compliance.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 31st Day of July 1750.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
William Allen, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Samuel Hassell
- Anthony Morris
- Joseph Turner
- Robert Strettell
- Edwd Shippen
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- William Plumsted

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robeson
- Tench Francis
- Benjamin Franklin
- Samuel McCall, junr
- John Inglis
- William Shippen
- Thomas Bond
- Thos Hopkinson
- Thos Laurence, junr
- Nathl Allen
- Joseph Sims
- George Mifflin
- William Coleman
- John Wilcocks
- John Stamper

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Proposal made at the last Common Council, of contributing a Sum of Money for the Encouragement of the Academy & Charity School now erecting in this City; And a Paper containing an Account of what is already done by the Trustees of the Academy, and what Advantages are expected from that Undertaking being laid before the Board, was read, and follows in these Words:

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, The Trustees of the Academy have already laid out near , £800, in the Purchase of the Building, and will probably expend , near as much more in fitting up Rooms for the Schools, & furnish- , ing them with proper Books, & Instruments for the Instruction of , Youth.

, The greatest Part of the Money paid & to be paid is sub- , scribed by the Trustees themselves, and advanced by them; Many , of whom have no children of their own to educate, but act from a , View to the Publick Good, without Regard, to sect or party. And , they have engaged to open a Charity School within two Years for , the Instruction of Poor Children gratis, in Reading, Writing and , Arithmetick, and the first Principles of Virtue and Piety.

The Benefits expected from this Institution, are:

, 1. That the Youth of Pensilvania may have an Opportunity of , receiving a good Education at home, and be under no necessity of , going abroad for it; Whereby not only considerable Expense may , be saved to the Country, but a stricter Eye may be had over their , morals by their Friends and Relations.

, 2. That a Number of our Natives will hereby be qualified to , bear Magistracies, and execute other public offices of Trust, with , Reputation to themselves & Country; there being at present great , Want of Persons so qualified in the several Counties of this Pro- , vince. And this is the more necessary now to be provided for by , the English here, as vast Numbers of Foreigners are yearly im- , ported among us, totally ignorant of our Laws, Customs and Lan- , guage.

, 3. That a Number of the poorer Sort will hereby be qualified , to act as Schoolmasters in the Country, to teach Children Read-

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, ing, Writing, Arithmetic, and the Grammar of their Mother , Tongue; and being of good morals and known character, may be , recommended from the Academy to Country Schools for that pur- , pose; The Country suffering at present very much for want of , good Schoolmasters, and obligd frequently to employ in their , Schools, vicious imported Servants, or concealed Papists, who by , their bad Examples and Instructions often deprave the Morals or , corrupt the Principles of the Children under their Care.

, 4. It is thought that a good Academy erected in Philadelphia, , a healthy place where Provisions are plenty, situated in the Center , of the Colonies, may draw Numbers of Students from the neigh- , bouring Provinces, who must spend considerable Sums yearly , among us, in Payment for their Lodging, Diet, Apparel, &c., which , will be an Advantage to our Traders, Artisans and Owners of , Houses and Lands. This Advantage is so considerable, that it , has been frequently observed in Europe, that the fixing a good , School or College in a little inland Village, has been the means of , making it a great Town in a few Years; and therefore the magis- , trates of many Places, have offer'd and given great yearly salaries, , to draw learned Instructors from other Countries to their respective , Towns, meerly with a View to the Interest of the Inhabitants.

, Numbers of people have already generously subscribed con- , siderable sums to carry on this Undertaking; but others, well dis- , posed, are somewhat discouraged from contributing, by an Appre- , hension, lest when the first Subscriptions are expended, the Design , should drop.

, The great Expence of such a Work is in the Beginning. If the , Academy be once well-open'd, good Masters provided, and good , Orders established, there is Reason to believe (from many former

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, Examples in other Countries) that it will be able after a few years , to support itself.

, Some Assistance from the Corporation is immediately wanted , and hoped for; and it is thought that if this Board, which is a per- , petual Body, take the Academy under their Patronage, and afford , it some Encouragement, it will greatly strengthen the Hands of all , concerned, and be a means of Establishing this good Work, & , continuing the good Effects of it down to our late Posterity.

The Board having weighed the great Usefulness of this Design, after several Propositions heard & debated, agreed That a Sum of Money be given by this Board & paid down, towards compleating the Building which the Trustees have purchased, and are now fitting up for the Purpose; and likewise, that a Sum or Sums be given yearly by this Board, for five Years to come, towards the support & Maintainance of the Schools under the Direction of the said Trustees. Whereupon the following Questions were put and carried in the Affirmative.

1. Whether this Board will give the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to be paid immediately to the Trustees of the Academy, towards compleating the Building purchased by the said Trustees for an Academy & Charity School in this City? Which was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

2. Whether this Board will give Fifty pounds p annum for five years next ensuing, to The Trustees of the Academy, towards supporting a Charity School for the Teaching of poor children Reading, Writing and Arithmetick?

Which was unanimously agreed to.

3. Whether this Board will give Fifty Pounds p annum for the five years next ensuing, to the Trustees of the Academy, for the

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Benefit thereof, with Condition that this Board shall have a Right of nominating and sending one Scholar Yearly from the Charity School, to be instructed gratis in the Academy, in any or all of the Branches of Learning there taught? Which was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

Isaac Griffitts now attended the Board pursuant to Notice sent him, and respecting the Demand made upon him by this Corporation, saith, That as to the Sum of £60 1 —, said to be remaining in his Father's Hands at the Time of his Decease, he cannot gainsay but that it may be due, and he now promises to pay it: but as to what is charged on Account of Money subscribed towards purchasing Fire Engine, Buckets, &c., which it is alledged his Father received, he questions whether the Account thereof be justly stated, and although it were, he conceives this Board hath no Right to demand it of him. It is therefore Order'd That the Treasurer do receive of him the said Sum of Sixty Pounds one shilling; And this Board will have his Objections to the Payment of the said Subscription Money under Advisement.

The Treasurer reports that he had deliver'd Nicholas Scull the Message from this Board, as order'd at the last Common Council; whose Answer is, That he cannot at present pay the money due from him, nor get any Person to be bound with him for the Payment thereof, but that he is willing to give his own Bond for it; which, therefore, the Treasurer is directed to take, payable with Interest, to the Mayor & Commonalty at Six Months.

Upon the Petition of James Davis of this City, Carpenter, setting forth That he is fined Twenty Shilling for his chimneys Firing; that his House is on the Outside of the Town, at a Distance from other Buildings, where he could not get a Chimney Sweeper to

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come; that he is in low Circumstances and hath a Charge of Children, and therefore praying his said Fine may be remitted: The Board, in Consideration of the Premises, do remit the same.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the second Day of October 1750.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Mayor
William Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder
Samuel Hasell
Anthony Morris
Edward Shippen
William Attwood
Benj^{a} Shoemaker
William Plumsted
William Till
Joseph Turner
Robert Strettell
} Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Common Council Men.

Israel Pemberton
Sept^{a} Robinson
John Warder
Samuel Mickle
George Emlen
Nath^{l} Allen
Samuel Austin
John Sober
Joseph Shippen
William Logan

Common Council Men.

Phineas Bond
Tho^{s} Hopkinson
Tho^{s} Bond
Benj^{a} Franklin
Sam^{l} M^{c}Call, jun^{r}
John Wilcocks
George Mifflin
John Inglis
Joshua Madox
Attwood Shute
Joseph Morris
Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Sims
W^{m} Coleman
Isaac Jones
William Shippen
John Stamper
John Mifflin
Tench Francis
George House
Tho^{s} Lawrence, jun^{r}
Joshua Emlen.

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William Allen, Esq^{r}, being assigned Chief Justice of this Province by Commission from the Governor, and that Office being incompatible in the same Person with that of Recorder of this City, he therefore resigned his said Office of Recorder, and desired the Board to consider of some suitable Person to supply his Place.

Several of the members present, then declared their Sense of the said Gentleman's long & faithful Services, as deserving the Acknowledgment & Thanks of this Board, which was unanimously agreed to; Whereupon the Mayor, in Behalf of the Board, did return him their Thanks for his good & faithful Services as Recorder of this City.

The Board then proceeded to the choice of another Person for the said Office of Recorder, and Tench Francis, Esq., was chosen by a majority of Votes, & thereupon took & subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, and likewise took the Oaths for the true & faithful Execution of the said Office.

This being the Day appointed by Charter for choosing the Mayor for the Year ensuing, William Plumsted, Esq^{r}., was elected to that Office by a Majority of Votes.

Alderman Shippen, Alderman Turner, Septimus Robinson & John Ingles were appointed to wait on the Governor to acquaint him with the choice made by this Board, and to desire to know when it shall please the Governor that this Board attend him with the Mayor Elect, in order to his being qualified.

The Gentlemen appointed to wait on the Governor returned, and acquainted the Board that he is ready to receive them. The Board then attended the Governor at his House, and Alderman Plumsted, the Mayor Elect, took and subscribed the Qualifications

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required by Law, and also took the Oath for his faithful Discharge of the Office of Mayor for the Year ensuing.

At a Common Council held for the City of Philadelphia the 21st Day of March 1750–51.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqre, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esqre, Recorder
Robert Strettell
Anthony Morris
Thomas Lawrence
Edward Shippen
Samuel Hasell
} Esquires, Aldermen.

Common Council men.
Joshua Maddox
Samuel Rhoads
John Stamper
Israel Pemberton
Joseph Morris
Benjamin Franklin
William Logan
George Mifflin
William Coleman.

Alderman Lawrence acquainted the Board that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds is due to him from this Corporation, being his Salary as Mayor of this City for the last Year, pursuant to a Vote of this Board of the 18th of September, 1747, whereby it was resolved that such Salary should be paid to the Mayor of this City for the three Years then next ensuing; And that, as some late Mayors, in lieu of an Entertainment, had given a Sum of Money for some publick Use, he was inclined to follow the Example, and proposed to give the Sum of One Hundred Pounds for the Use of the Academy in this City; which Proposal was approved of by a great Majority; And at Alderman Lawrence's Request, the Treasurer of this Corporation is order'd to pay the said Sum to William

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Coleman in Behalf of the Trustees of the said Academy, for the Use aforesaid.

The Petition of Margaret Read, setting forth That she was fined Five pounds at the last Mayors Court, for keeping a publick House without Licence; That she is old and poor, and therefore praying the said Fine may be remitted,——Rejected.

The Petition of Mary Green was read, setting forth That she was fined Five Pounds at the Mayors Court in October last, for keeping a publick House without Licence, That she is left a Widow in poor Circumstances, and has been much afflicted with Sickness, &c, therefore praying the said Fine may be remitted.

The Board having Reason to believe that the said Mary Green has not quitted that Way of Life, whereby she incurred the said Fine, her Petition is rejected.

The Petition of John Needham, jun^{r}, was read, setting forth That he was fined at the last Mayors Court, for neglecting to attend the said Court, tho' summoned to appear to give Evidence, &c. That his said Neglect proceeded from his Ignorance of the Rules & Practices of Courts, & an Accident which occasioned him to delay his Attendance longer than he ought to have done, and not from any Disregard or Contempt, &c, therefore praying his said Fine may be remitted.

The Board having taken the Promises into Consideration, do remit one half of the said Fine.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 8th Day of July 1751.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor		Joseph Morris	Common Council Men.
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder		John Wilcocks	
Thomas Lawrence, Esqr	Aldermen.	Thoe Lawrence, junr	
Edward Shippen, Esqr		Thomas Bond	
Benjamin Shoemaker, Esqr		Samuel Mickle	
Joseph Turner, Esqr		William Shippen	
Robert Strettel, Esqr		William Logan	
		Benja Franklin	
		John Ingles	
John Mifflin	Common Council Men.	George Mifflin	
John Stamper		Joshua Maddox	
Attwood Shute		William Coleman	

The Lease for the Ferry at Schuylkil, to James Coultas, being near expiring, and by a Minute of this Board, of the 21st August, 1744, the Additional Buildings made at the said Ferry, being to be valued by two Persons to be chosen for that Purpose by the Corporation, and him the said Coultas. In pursuance whereof, this Board and the said James Coultas have now mutually chosen Hugh Roberts & Jacob Lewis to Value the said Buildings; who are desired to make their Report at the next Meeting of the Corporation, on Monday next.

Alderman Shippen & Samuel Rhoads are requested also to view and report the Quality of the said Buildings, and other Improvements, and make an Estimate of the Sums expended thereon. The

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Petition of the said James Coultas for a further Term in the said Ferry, to lie under Consideration till the next Meeting.

Gertrude Bude being fined Five pounds at a Mayors Court, held in April last for keeping publick House without Licence, now petitions this Board to remit the said Fine in Consideration of her Poverty. The Board having consider'd the Premisses, do remit one Moiety thereof.

John Gordon now petitioning this Board to remit a Fine of Ten Pounds, which he was adjudged to pay at a Court of Quarter Sessions, held for this City in October last, upon his being convicted of receiving Stolen Goods,

Ordered,

That upon the said John Gordon's executing a Bond, with a Warrant to confess Judgment to the Mayor and Commonalty, for the said Sum of Ten Pounds, he be not detained in Goal any longer on that Account.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 15th Day of July 1751.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor		George Mifflin
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder		John Inglis
William Allen, Esqr	Aldermen.	John Mifflin
Thomas Lawrence, Esqr		Thos Lawrence, junr
Benjs Shoemaker, Esqr		Joshua Maddox
Edward Shippen, Esqr		Nathaniel Allen
Robert Strettell, Esqr		Septimus Robeson
		John Warder
		Joshua Emlen
Benjs Franklin		Joseph Sims
Joseph Morris		Samuel Rhoads
John Stamper		Thomas Bond
John Wilcocks		William Coleman.

Samuel Hasell, Esqr, the late Treasurer of this Corporation, being deceas'd, the Board now proceeded to make Choice of another in his Room, and Benjamin Shoemaker, Esqr, was unanimously elected.

Ordered, That a proper Instrument be drawn by the Clerk for impowering the said Treasurer to recover and receive the Monies of this Corporation.

Hugh Roberts and Jacob Lewis, the Persons chosen on the 8th Instant, by this Board, and James Coultas, to Value the Additional Buildings at the Ferry over Schuylkil, now make their Report in Writing, to this Effect, „ That they had viewed the said Buildings; „ and value the additional Buildings made to the dwelling House,

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„ by the said Coultas, at £680 14 3d, and the Barn, Storehouse, „ Sheds, Leantos and other Wooden Buildings, at £ 65; the „ Whole amounting to Seven Hundred forty five Pounds fourteen „ Shillings and three pence." In which Estimate, Alderman Shippen and Samuel Rhoads, who were likewise desired to view the same, concurred.

And, upon comparing the said Report with the Minutes of the 21 August 1744, it appearing That the said Coultas had built more, and laid out a much larger Sum than what he had proposed to this Board, and obtain'd their Consent for doing; The Question was put

Whether any Allowance shall be made to the said James Coultas for his extraordinary Expence in the said Additional Buildings and Improvements?

Which was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

But some Debate arising concerning the Sum that ought to be allowed him, the further Consideration thereof is referr'd to the next Common Council.

The Mayor, Alderman Shoemaker, John Wilcocks and Dr. Thomas Bond, are desired, in the mean Time, to confer with the said Coultas concerning his Account, and a future Lease of the Ferry.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 22d Day of July 1751.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor		John Wilcocks
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder		Phineas Bond
Benja Shoemaker, Esqr	Aldermen.	Samuel McCall, junr
Robert Strettell, Esqr		William Biddle
Edward Shippen, Esqr		Samuel Rhoads
		John Stamper
		George Mifflin
Thomas Bond		Benja Franklin
William Shippen		Joshua Maddox
Attwood Shute		John Warder
John Mifflin		William Coleman.

The Board resumed the Debate concerning the Sum to be allow'd James Coultas for his extraordinary Expence in the additional Buildings and Improvements at the Ferry over Schuylkill; and after some time spent therein, the further Consideration thereof, and of a future Lease of the said Ferry, was refer'd to the next Common Council.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 29th Day of July 1751.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor		Joseph Sims
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder		John Stamper
William Allen, Esqr	Aldermen.	Isaac Jones
Edward Shippen, Esqr		Benjs Franklin
Thos Lawrence, Esqr		Phineas Bond
Benjs Shoemaker, Esqr		Thos Lawrence, junr
Joseph Turner, Esqr		Wm Logan
Robert Strettell, Esqr		John Wilcocks
		Joseph Morris
		Thomas Bond
George Mifflin		Samuel Rhoads
Joshua Maddox		William Coleman.

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Affair depending with James Coultas: And it being allegd'd by some Members that were present when the Agreement was made with him, That, besides the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, which this Board Consented to lay out in making an Addition to the Buildings, the Term of his Lease was enlarged from four Years (which was first design'd) to Seven Years, towards compensating any extraordinary Expence that might happen therein. Whereupon the Question was put,

Whether the Sum of Six Hundred & eighty Pounds fourteen Shillings & three pence shall be allow'd James Coultas for the Additional Buildings made by him to the Dwelling House at the Ferry; deducting for the three Years added to his Lease, the Sum of One Hundred & twenty three Pounds, which this Board conceives ought

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to go towards the Expence of such Building? Which was carried in the Affirmative.

The Board then directed that an Advertisement be immediately publish'd, signifying That said Coultas's Lease of the Ferry was near expiring, and that any Persons who inclin'd to take a lease of the same, were desired to send in their Proposals to the Mayor, in Writing, sealed, on or before the Tenth Day of August next.

The Committee nominated by this Board for Settling the Accounts, are desired to meet and adjust the same Accounts now depending with this Corporation, as soon as conveniently may be.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 13th Day of August 1751.

Present

William Plumsted, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esq^{r}, Recorder
Aldermen.
William Allen, Esq^{r}
Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}
Benj^{a} Shoemaker, Esq^{r}
Joseph Turner, Esq^{r},
Robert Strettell, Esq^{r},
Edward Shippen, Esq^{r},

Thomas Bond
Isaac Jones
John Wilcocks
Samuel Rhoads
William Biddle
George Mifflin
John Mifflin
Joshua Maddox
Septimus Robeson
Samuel Mickle
Thomas Lawrence, jun^{r}
William Coleman.

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An Advertizement having been publish'd agreeable to an Order of the last Common Council, to give Notice that the Lease of the Ferry at Schuylkill, was near expiring, and that those who inclined to take a Lease thereof for a Term of Years, were desired to send in their Proposals, in Writing, on or before the 10th Instant. In pursuance whereof, Proposals from sundry Persons were now laid before the Board, and after Consideration had thereon, the Board seem'd most inclinable to close with those of James Coultas, which were to this Effect,

, That he, the said James Coultas, is willing to give the Sum of , One hundred & seventy five Pounds p Year for a Lease of three , or four Years, and to leave the said Ferry, at the Expiration of the , Term, in good Tenantable Order, unavoidable Accidents excepted.

And the Question being put, Whether this Board will grant the said James Coultas a Lease for three Years upon the Terms above mentioned? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Order'd, That he be directed to get a Lease drawn accordingly.

The Committee appointed to examine & settle the Accounts pepending with this Corporation now brought in their Report, in Writing, which follows in these Words, viz.

, That the Sum of £60 0 1d, due from Thomas Griffitts, Esq., , at the Time of his Decease, yet remains unpaid; besides £38 9, , Subscription Money paid into his Hands to purchase Fire-En- , gines, Buckets, &c.

, That upon examining William Paschalls Acco[t] they find due , from him,

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, For Rent of the Stalls to the Westward of the , Court House, Computed to the 25th June last,	£25 6 8
, And for Rent of the Stalls to the Eastward of , the Court House, to the 30th July last, . .	45 0 0
In all, . .	£70 6 8

, That upon stating an Acco^{t} with Richard Sewell, late Sheriff, , he craves some Allowances not heretofore made to other Sheriffs, , for which the Committee have referr'd him to this Board.

, That Isaac Griffitts, Esq., the present Sheriff, appears to be in- , debted to this Corporation by Account render'd, in the Sum of , £87 10 10 for Fines received by him.

, That Patrick Baird, late Vendue Master, paid Rent of the Stall , under the Court House, to 12 March, 1749-50, but the Rent which , afterwards became due till October 1750, when he resign'd the , Office, this Committee are inform'd, he refused or neglected to pay.

, That upon settling wth James Coultas for the Rent of y^{e} Ferry , at Schuylkill, computing to the 19th Inst^{t}, when his Lease expires, , they find, That deducting £150, formerly discounted towards the , Buildings, £50 for the Causeway, & the several Payments he has , made, their remains in his Hands £113 10^{s} on acco^{t} of s^{d} Rent.

, That Francis Rawle has paid the Rent of the Ferry to Coopers, , to the 25 March last.

, That having examined the Acco^{t} receiv'd from the Executors of , Samuel Hasell, Esq^{r}, late Treasurer of this Corporation, this Com- , mittee find, that he has received since last Settlement from the

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, Sheriffs, & Clerk of the Market, & for Rent of the Ferrys, the , Sum of £399 1 6, and paid away the Sum of £424 19 3. The , Ballance due to this Corporation, after deducting the usual Com- , mission for receiving & paying, being £192 7 9.

, That upon stating an Acco^{t} with John Pickle, in behalf of him- , self and Owen Roberts, who took a Lease of the Publick Wharffs, , they appear to be indebted £25, computing the Rent to the 16 , May last.

, N. B. Tho' the Wharf Money has been paid to the Trea- , surer of this Corporation, it has not been usual for , him to Account for it to this Committee, but with the , Magistrates and Assessors; and his Executors say , they are ready to account accordingly.

, That the said Executors having given in an Account of the , Fines for Chimney-Firing, it appears the late Treasurer had in his , Hands on that Acco^{t} at the Time of his Decease, £13 19 9.

, This Money likewise was usually accounted for with , the Magistrates and Assessors.

, That a Debt of £60 0 6^{d} due from Nicholas Scull, by , Acco^{t} formerly adjusted, yet remains unpaid, his Bond , or the same lying the Hands of the late Treasurer's Execu- , tors.

, That the Acco^{t} of the Monies presented to this Corporation , toward building an Exchange or some other Publick Edifice, , Stands as follows, viz:

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, Presented by James Hamilton, Esq, October
7, 1746, ... £150 — —
by William Attwood, Esq, October
22, 1747, ... £ 60 — —
by William Attwood, Esq, August
22d, 1749, ... £ 60 — —
by Charles Willing, Esq, Novemr
8th, 1749, ... £100 — —

£370 — —
Interest paid to the Treasurer, ... 50 3 9

£420 3 9

, The said Monies being put out at Interest by Order of this , Board, the several Bonds for the Same, payable to the Mayor & , Commonalty, in the Hands of the late Treasurer's Executors , are viz:

, Balter Resar & John Lucan's, dated 18 Oc-
, tober, 1746, ... £150 — —
, Nicholas Power & Michael Helligas, 31 Augt
, 1749, ... 81 12 —
, Joseph Waln & James Paul, dated 8 Novr
, 1749, ... 100 — —
, William Dewees & Christ Robins, 26 July,
, 1750, ... 73 11 9

£405 3 9
, Balance due to the Corporation on this Acct 15 — —

£420 3 9

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, That there is in the Hands of Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq, , the present Treasurer, the Sum of Seventy Pounds, paid him by , William Pascall, Clerk of the Market.

Dated Philad^{a}, 7 August, 1751.

The Petition of Richard Shewell, late Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, was read, setting forth That during three Years which he held the said Office, he was burden'd with an Expence attending the Punishment of Insolvent Criminals, amounting, by Acco^{t} annex'd to the said Petition, to £8 6 6, and praying the same may be allow'd him.

The Board having consider'd the said Acco^{t}, and the Matters alledged in the said Petition, are of Opinion that no part of the said Sum is due from this Corporation, and that therefore they cannot allow the same.

Order'd That the Treasurer pay to Joseph Hudson, the Sum of £34 14^{s} due to him for repairing the City Engines, out of the money arising by Fines for Chimney Firing, if so much of the said money shall have come to his Hands.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 23d Day of September, 1751.

Present

William Plumsted, Esq, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esq, Recorder
Anthony Morris, Robert Strettell, Edward Shippen } Esquires, Aldermen.

William Allen, Esq
John Mifflin
John Wilcocks
Phineas Bond
Thos Lawrence, junr
William Logan
Benja Franklin
John Stamper
John Inglis
Joseph Sims
William Coleman.

A Lease for the Ferry over Schuylkill to James Coultas, drawn pursuant to the Directions of the last Comon Council, for three Years, commencing the 19th Day of August last, was read and approved, And the Mayor executed the same in Behalf of this Corporation; And the said James Coultas likewise executed a Counterpart thereof, and is to give his Bond for Performance of Covenants, &c.

The Board then order'd that the Account of the said James Conltas should be stated, Respect being had to the Vote of this Board of the 29th July last, concerning the additional buildings erected by him at the Ferry, which was done accordingly, and is as follows, viz:

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Dr	James Coultas to the Corporation of Philad^{a}.			Cr		
For £150 formerly discounted out of the Rent tow^{ds} the Cost of y^{e} additional Buildings,	150	—	—	By the additional Buildings made to the dwellings House at the Ferry, valued at	680	14 3
For 3 years addition to his Lease,	123	—	—			
For the Ballance remaing unpaid of the Rent,	113	10	—			
	£386	10	—			
Ballance due to Ja^{s} Coultas on the Buildings,	294	4	3			
	£680	14	3		£680	14 3

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And the said James Coultas being present and Agreeing to the Acco^{t} thus stated, An Order, payable to him, was drawn on Alexander Huston & other Executors of Samuel Hassell, Esq^{r}, late Treasurer of this Corporation, for the Sum of £192 7 9, and another on Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, for £101 16 6, in full of the above Ballance: which Orders were Signed by the Mayor, and deliver'd to said Coultas.

It being suggested, that by some general Words in the Lease now executed, the said James Coultas might be restrained from removing the Barn, Store-house, Sheds, Leantos, & other Wooden Buildings erected by him at the Ferry, and valued at £65, for which this Board have made him no allowance, The Board thereupon unanimously agreed that the s^{d} Coultas shall have free Liberty, so far as it concerns them, to remove the same at the Expiration of his Term.

The City Assessors having been made acquainted sometime since, with the Right of this Corporation to a Lot of Ground near the Draw-Bridge, and desir'd to lay before the Board an Acco^{t} of the Charge the City had been at, in improving the said Lot, to the end that the same might be repaid; which Improvement was afterwards valued by Persons chosen for that purpose, at £57 2 11. And now John Stamper (one of the members of this Board) requesting that the said Sum, due to the City, might be paid to him, towards reimbursing him for monies expended for the Citys Use, pursuant to an Agreement made with him by the Magistrates & Assessors; Order'd, That upon the said Stampers producing an Order, signed by the Magistrates, on the Mayor & Commonalty for the said Sum of £57 2 11, the Mayor give an Order on the Treasurer of this Corporation for the payment thereof.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, on Tuesday the 1st of October 1751.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder
Abraham Taylor
William Attwood
Robert Strettell
William Till
Thos Lawrence
Joseph Turner
Edward Shippen
} Esquires, Aldermen.

William Allen, Esqr
Nathaniel Allen
John Stamper
Thomas Bond
Joseph Sims
John Wilcocks
Attwood Shute
Thos Lawrence, junr
Saml McCall, junr
William Shippen
Benja Franklin
Phineas Bond
Joshua Maddox
George Mifflin
Septimus Robeson
William Coleman
Samuel Austin
Joseph Shippen.

This being the Day appointed by Charter for chusing the Mayor for the ensuing Year, Robert Strettell, Esqr, was elected by a Majority of Votes.

And Benjamin Franklin & John Mifflin were chosen Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes.

Upon a Resolve of the Board to add Nine to the number of Common Council men, the following Persons were chosen by a majority of Votes, viz: Thomas Cadwalader, William Coxe, Lloyd Zachary, Charles Norris, John Redman, William Humphreys, Samuel Smith, Amos Strettell, & William Bingham.

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The Board then waited on the Governor at the House of Mr. Allen, and Alderman Strettell, the Mayor Elect, took and subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, and also that for the true & faithful Discharge of the Office of Mayor of this City for the Year ensuing.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 10th Day of December 1751.

Present

Robert Strettell, Esqr, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder
Anthony Morris
Edward Shippen
Joseph Turner
Benjamin Franklin
Charles Willing
Benja Shoemaker
John Mifflin
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

Common Council Men, viz:
William Allen, Esqr
Septimus Robeson
Joseph Sims
Saml McCall, junr
Lloyd Zachary
William Bingham

Common Council Men, viz:
Joshua Emlen
John Redmen
Samuel Rhoads
Amos Strettell
John Inglis
Joseph Sims
William Humphreys
John Stamper
Thos Lawrence, junr
Thomas Bond
Nathaniel Allen
George Mifflin
John Warder
William Logan
William Coleman
Thos Cadwalader.

Several Persons petitioning for the Office of Measurer of Grain imported into this City, vacant by the Death of William Paschall,

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George Spafford [one of the s[d] Petitioners,] was chosen by a Majority of Votes.

It appearing by a minute of 31 July 1746, that this Board did agree, that William Paschall, the late Clerk of the Market, should have a Lease of the Stalls to the Eastward of the Court House for Seven years, to commence from that Day at the Rate of £60 p Annum, he keeping them in good repair, which Term is not yet expired; And it being represented that Sarah, the Widow of the said William Paschall, is left in poor Circumstances, with a numerous Family, the Board now agrees that she shall hold the said Stalls under the Rent aforesaid for the Remainder of the said Term, and for five Years next after, in Case She lives so long; She also to have the Benefit of letting them at Fair Times; Upon Condition, nevertheless, that she keep the said Stalls in good Repair, and that she shall not dispose of the Term now granted her, nor any part thereof, without the approbation of this Board; And that she give such Security for the payment of the Rent as the Mayor and the Treasurer of this Corporation shall approve of.

James Mackey, now Clerk of the Market, is appointed Collector of the Rents of the Stalls to the Westward of the Court House, for which he is to be allowed the usual Commissions, and to have the Benefit of letting the said Stalls at Fair Times; he giving such Security for the due Collecting and payment of the said Rents, as the Mayor & the Treasurer shall judge sufficient.

Whereas, the Magistrates and Assessors of this City, sometime before the month of November, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred & forty-six, supposing a Lot of Ground in the City, opposite to the blue Anchor, and near the Draw-Bridge, was the Right of the Inhabitants of the City in general, did expend

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divers Sums of Money belonging to the Inhabitants of this City for the Improvement of the same. And Whereas, the said Magistrates and Assessors, afterwards having viewed & consider'd the Conveyance of the said Lot from George Gray, deceased, to the Mayor & Commonalty of this City, did agree that the Title to the same was in the Mayor & Commonalty aforesaid, and their Successors, and therefore did desire that the Money so expended might be repaid to them. And whereas, by the Report of Edward Shippen, Reese Meredith and Stephen Armitt, bearing date the Tenth Day of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & forty-eight, who were appointed by this Board to estimate the Expence of the said Improvement, it appears that the same amounted to Fifty-seven Pounds. And whereas, afterward, to wit, the 25th Day of August, in the Year 1749, at a meeting of the Magistrates of the s[d] City, to wit, Charles Willing, Mayor, William Allen, Recorder, and Edward Shippen and Samuel Hasell, two of the Aldermen of the said City, and Edward Cathrell, William Moode, Jacob Duche and Samuel Morris, the Assessors of the same City, it was agreed, that the said Fifty-seven Pounds, due from this Corporation, for the Improvement of their City Lot aforesaid, should be paid to John Stamper, toward the entire compleating of the Draw-Bridge, and the Improvements contiguous thereto to the Southward & Eastward of Water Street, as by the said Agreement hereto annexed more fully appears. And whereas, the Magistrates of the said City, to wit, Robert Strettell, Mayor, Tench Frances, Recorder, and Thomas Lawrence, Joseph Turner, Charles Willing & Edward Shippen, Aldermen of the same City, by their Order, bearing Date the Ninth Day of Decem[r] last past, and to the Mayor & Commonalty afors[d] directed, did request them to pay the said £57, to the said John Stamper for the Uses aforesaid, It is therefore Ordered by this Board that the Treasurer of this Board for the Time being, do pay

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to the said John Stamper the said £57, in full Satisfaction of all Demands for or on Account of the said Sums of Money expended as aforesaid.

The above mentioned Agreement of the Magistrates and Assessors, as enter'd in the Assessors Book, follows in these Words, viz.

„ It is agreed that the £24 11 6 in the Hands of Stephen Ar-
„ mitt and Edward Shippen, Esq^{r}, And the £57 2 11 due from
„ the Corporation for the Improvement of their City Lot, bounded
„ by the blue Anchor, amounting in all to £81 12 5, be appropri-
„ ated as originally intended, to the entire compleating of the Draw-
„ bridge and the Improvements contiguous thereto, to the South-
„ ward & Eastward of Water Street. And John Stamper (being
„ now present) hereby obliges himself compleatly to finish and con-
„ tinue the same according to the Plan of the City, in the best and
„ most Workmanlike manner. And if any Repairs are wanting on
„ the North Side of the Dock, the same to be done with good and
„ substantial Sterlings. All which Work the said John Stamper
„ undertakes to do and perform according to the true Intent and
„ Meaning of these Presents, for the afores^{d} Sum.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 17th Day of March 1752.

Present

Robert Strettell, Esqr, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Joseph Turner
- Benja Franklin
- John Mifflin
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Edwd Shippen

Common Council Men.
- Joseph Morris
- Samuel Rhoads
- Joshua Maddox
- Thomas Bond
- William Shippen
- John Redman
- Wm Bingham
- John Stamper
- Thos Cadwallader
- William Coxe
- William Coleman.

John Stamper, Samuel Rhoads & Joseph Morris are appointed a Committee, to treat with John Church and Thomas Stewart concerning their building a Wharf at the East End of Cedar Street, and having heard their Proposals, and viewed the place, to make Report to this Board at their next Meeting.

The Board considering that their Lot near the Drawbridge might probably be let for a considerable Yearly Rent; and bringing in Nothing at present, The Recorder is desired to publish an Advertisement purporting that the Board is disposed to let the said Lot, and requesting those who may be inclined to Rent the Same, to deliver their Proposals in Writing to the Mayor or Recorder, for the Consideration of the Board.

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Upon the Petition of Hannah Pearson, setting forth that she being unwarily drawn in by some ill People to sell spiritous Liquors by less Measures than a Quart, having no Licence for so doing, was at the last Mayors Court convicted thereof upon two Indictments, and fined Five Pounds upon each, And praying that the said Fines, or Some part thereof, might be remitted. The Board considering the Age & Misfortunes of the said Petitioner, remit one half the said Fines.

The Petition of Daniel Worms, praying the Remission of a Fine of Fifteen pounds imposed on him at the Mayors Court held in October last, upon his being convicted of conspiring, with one Maria Magdalena Stamer, to defame & extort Money from Samuel Noble, of this City, Tanner; Rejected.

Upon the Petition of Michael M^{c}North (now in Goal) setting forth that he was fined Five pounds at the last Mayors Court for selling spirituous Liquors without Licence; That he is extremely poor, & hath a Wife & Several small Children, who since his Imprisonment are reduced to great necessity, and praying the Board in Consideration of his Poverty, to remit the said Fine; The Board being assured that the Petitioner is not of Ability to pay, do remit the Same.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 16th Day of May 1752.

Present

Robert Strettell, Esq, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder,
Benja Franklin
Thos Lawrence
Benja Shoemaker
Charles Willing
John Mifflin
} Esquires, Aldermen.

Samuel Rhoads
Lloyd Zachary
Joseph Sims
John Ingles
Thos Lawrence, junr
Thos Bond
Joshua Maddox
Wm Shippen
Wm Bingham
John Stamper
George House
William Logan
William Coleman
John Redman
} Common Council Men.

The Question being put, Whether this Board are inclined to let the two Wharffs or Landing places at the Ends of the Dock Street to Benjamin Loxley, pursuant to his petition? it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Alderman Mifflin, John Stamper & Samuel Rhoads, are appointed a Committee to take the Delivery of the public Wharffs from John Pickle, his Lease expiring this Day, and to Report to this Board what Condition they find them in, particularly those at the Ends of Dock Street.

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The Proposals of John Church & Thomas Stewart were read, setting forth, That they are willing to build a good & sufficient wharf at the East End of Cedar Street, at their own Expence pursuant to a Draught or Plan now exhibited, and to keep the same in Repair for the Space of five & twenty years; Provided that this Board, in Consideration thereof, will impower them to receive the Profits & Perquisites arising therefrom during the said Term, or reimburse them in Case the Board should resume the said Wharf, before the Expiration thereof.

The Board having considered the said Proposals, do Order That the said Church & Stewart get a Lease drawn, in pursuant to their said proposals, to be laid before this Board for their Approbation.

Sundry Persons now applying by Petition for the Office of Wood-Corder, and offering likewise to take a Lease of the publick Wharffs of this City, upon the same Terms & Conditions whereon they were demised to Owen Roberts & John Pickle; The Board, upon the Question, resolved to appoint Thomas Hill, one of the Petitioners, to the said Office of Wood-Corder. And the said Thomas Hill, being called in and informed that the Board was about letting two of the Publick Wharffs, to wit, those at the Eastern End of the Dock Street to Benjamin Loxley, was asked what year Rent he was willing to give for the public Wharffs which were lett to the aforesaid Roberts & Pickle, exclusive of the said Dock Street Wharffs? Whereupon the said Thomas Hill proposed To give the Sum of Fifty Pounds p Annum, for four Years, for the said Wharffs, exclusive of those at the Dock Streets aforesaid, To keep them in good Repair at his own Expence, to pay the Rent Quarterly — Which Offer the Board accepted of, and directed the said Thomas Hill to get a Lease drawn accordingly, to be executed by

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the Mayor in Behalf of this Corporation; and to get two Freeholders to be his Securities for the due Execution of the said Office, & Payment of the Rent aforesaid.

At Common Council held at Philadelphia the 3d Day of October 1752.

Present

Robert Strettell, Esqr, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- William Till
- William Attwood
- John Mifflin
- Benjamin Franklin
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Charles Willing
- William Allen
- William Plumsted
- Edward Shippen

Common Council Men.
- Joshua Maddox
- George Mifflin
- Phineas Bond
- Thos Lawrence, junr

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- Attwood Shute
- William Coxe
- Amos Strettell
- Joseph Sims
- Lloyd Zachary
- John Redman
- John Stamper
- George House
- Samuel Rhoads
- Septimus Robeson
- William Shippen
- William Humphreys
- William Bingham
- Nathaniel Allen
- William Coleman
- Joseph Morris

The Board, pursuant to their Charter, proceeded to the Choice of a Mayor for the Year ensuing; and Alderman Shoemaker was elected by a great Majority.

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The Board then waited on the Governor (at the House of Mr. Allen) where Alderman Shoemaker, the Mayor Elect, took and Subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, and also that for the faithful Discharge of the Office of Mayor for the Year ensuing.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 17 Day of November 1752.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Robert Strettel
- Edward Shippen
- John Mifflin
- William Allen

Common Council Men.
- George Mifflin
- John Stamper
- William Bingham
- Joshua Maddox
- Tho^{s} Bond
- Tho^{s} Cadwallader
- John Redman
- Samuel Rhoads
- William Coleman

Upon the Petition of William Kerr, setting forth that he was convicted at the Mayors Court held in February last, of uttering counterfeit Dollars, and was sentenced to undergo a corporal Punishment and pay a Fine of Fifty Pounds; that he has suffer'd the Corporal Punishment accordingly, but being afflicted wth sickness and reduced to great Poverty, humbly prays the Board to remit the said Fine. The Board being informed that he is really unable to pay the said Fine, and that there is a Charge against him in the Jerseys of a high Nature, which the detaining him here prevents his being called to Account for; it is referr'd to the Recorder, if he shall see Cause to deliver him over to the Jersey Officers.

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Upon the Petition of James Logan, Michael Dowlan & Christopher Harding, setting forth that they were convicted in the Mayors Court in April last, of assaulting & beating the City Watch, and were fined for the said Offence, in the Sum of Twenty Pounds each, which they are utterly unable to pay; therefore praying the Board to remit the same. The Board considering that whilst they remain in Confinement, they can have no means of raising the Money, do consent & agree to take their Bonds, payable to the Mayor & Commonalty, for the said Fines.

Upon the Petition of Samuel Jackson, setting forth, That he was convicted some time since at the Supream Court, of having counterfeited Spanish Pistoles, and was sentenced to receive Corporal Punishment, besides four Months Imprisonment, and to pay a Fine of Fifty Pounds to this Corporation; That he has accordingly suffer'd the Punishment, but being unable to pay the said Fine, and having several Small Children depending on him for their Support, humbly prays the said Fine may be remitted. The Board considering the Petitioners Poverty, agree to take his Bond for the said Sum, and discharge him, provided he will immediately leave the Province.

Upon the Petition of Prudence Sherrald, setting forth that she was convicted at the Mayors Court in October 1751, of keeping a disorderly House, and was fined for the said Offence in the Sum of Five Pounds, and being unable to pay the same, humbly prays the same may be remitted: The Board in Consideration of her Poverty, do agree to remit the said Fine, upon Condition that she will immediately depart this Province.

Upon the Petition of Michael Hogan, Setting forth that he was convicted at the Mayors Court in July last of Stealing the Value of

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Two Pounds fifteen Shillings, and was sentenced to receive Corporal Punishment and pay a Fine of Two Pounds fifteen Shillings, which he is utterly unable to pay, and therefore praying it may be remitted: The Board in Consideration of the Petitioners Weakness and Poverty, do remit the said Fine.

Upon the Petition of Michael Donnelly, setting forth that he was convicted at the Mayors Court held in July last, of stealing the Value of Four Pounds ten Shillings, and was sentenced to receive Corporal Punishment, and pay a Fine of Four Pounds ten Shillings, which he is utterly unable to pay, therefore praying it may be remitted; The Board agree to remit the said Fine, provided the Petitioner will immediately depart the Province.

Upon the Petition of Daniel Miller, setting forth that he was convicted at the Mayors Court, held in February last, of stealing sundry things of the Value of One Pound five Shillings, for which he was sentenced to receive Corporal Punishment and to pay a Fine of One Pound five Shillings, which he is unable to pay, and therefore praying it may be remitted: The Board do remit the same.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the Second Day of February 1753.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esq^{r} Recorder
Tho^{s} Lawrence
William Allen
Edward Shippen
Charles Willing
Robert Strettell
Joseph Turner
John Mifflin
Benj^{a} Franklin.
Septimus Robinson
Joseph Morris
Samuel Rhoads
Tho^{s} Lawrence
Phineas Bond
William Shippen
Joshua Maddox
Joseph Sims
William Bingham
W^{m} Humphrey
John Stamper
William Coleman
Attwood Shute.

The Mayor having produced a Letter from William Plumsted, Esq^{r}, requesting him to acquaint the Board, That „ in lieu of the „ Entertainment usually given by the Mayor at the Expiration of „ his Mayoralty, he intended to make the Corporation a Present of „ Seventy-five Pounds, towards increasing the Fund for a Publick „ Building, if they approve thereof. „ The Board agreed to accept of the said Present accordingly.

Alderman Strettell also proposed to give a like Sum of Seventy-five Pounds, in lieu of an Entertainment, for encreasing the said Fund, or for such other use as this Corporation shall think fit; Which the Board likewise agreed to accept.

Ordered, That an Advertisement be published, notifying That this Corporation is inclined to let their Lot opposite to Bud's Buildings, con-

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taining in Breadth about one hundred feet, and in Length, from the East Side of Front Street, Two Hundred and fifty Feet, and that those who are willing to take the same, or any part thereof, either in Fee-Farm, or for Years, are desired to deliver their proposals, sealed up, to the Mayor, Recorder, or the Clerk of this Corporation, on or before 16th Instant.

Alderman Shippen and Samuel Rhoads are desired in the mean Time to get the said Lot measured and laid out.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 16th Day of February 1753.

Present

Benjª Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen:
Anthony Morris
William Allen
Edward Shippen
Charles Willing
William Plumsted
Benjª Franklin
John Mifflin

Israel Pemberton
Thoª Lawrence junr
Phineas Bond
John Inglis
John Wilcocks
Attwood Shute
Thomas Bonds
Samuel Rhoads
William Bingham
Joseph Morris
William Coxe
Samuel Mickle
John Stamper
Charles Norris
William Logan
Nathl Allen
George Mifflin
John Warder
William Coleman
Joshua Maddox
Thoª Cadwalader
William Shippen.

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A Memorial was presented to the Board, signed by the City Wardens, Assessors and others, setting forth the Right which they apprehend, the Inhabitants of this City have to the free use of the Landing Place formerly called the blue Anchor, with other matters relating thereto; which was read, and order'd to lie on the Table.

Alderman Willing, Alderman Franklin, and William Shippen, are appointed a Committee to inspect & examine Antient Records and Papers concerning the Title to the Lot opposite to Bud's Buildings, belonging to this Corporation, and report what they find material, to the Board at their next meeting.

Samuel Mickle, William Logan and Attwood Shute, or any two of them, are appointed to view the Publick Wharffs and Landing Places in this City, and report what Encroachments have been made thereon.

A Draught of a Deed, proposed to be executed by the Mayor in Behalf of this Board, was brought in by the Overseers of the Poor for impowering them to recover & receive certain Rent-Charges devised by William Carter, deceas'd, in his last Will to several Persons in Trust for the Service of the Alms Houses belonging to this City; the Survivor of which Trustees having, after the Decease of the Widow of the said William Carter, convey'd the same to the Mayor & Commonalty in Trust for the Service aforesaid, pursuant to the Directions of the said Will; Which Draught being read & Consider'd, It is thought necessary that, as the Mayor & Commonalty have no proper Interest in the Premises, a Clause be inserted to indemnifie them from any Cost or Damage that may accrue by means of any Suit or Suits for the Recovery of the Sums mentioned in the said Deed, or otherwise concerning the same; And to oblige the said Overseers, & their Successors, to account for the s^{d}

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Money in the same manner as by Law they are required to do for other Monies which come to their Hands for the Use of the Poor.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 28th Day of May 1753.

Present

Benj[a] Shoemaker, Esq[r], Mayor
Tench Francis, Esq[r], Recorder
Tho[s] Lawrence, Esq[r] } Aldermen.
John Mifflin, Esq[r] }

Septimus Robeson
Samuel Rhoads
Joshua Maddox
Phineas Bond
Attwood Shute
Joseph Morris
} Common Council Men.

George House
John Redman
William Bingham
George Mifflin
Thomas Bond
Samuel Mickle
W[m] Shippen
W[m] Humphreys
Joseph Sims
John Warder
Nathaniel Allen
William Coleman
} Common Council Men.

It being represented to the Board, That the Market Stalls to the Westward of the Court House are very much out of Repair, particularly the Roof: The Board having taking the same into Consideration, do appoint Alderman Mifflin and Samuel Rhoads, a Committee to agree with Workmen, provide the necessary materials, and get the s[d] Stalls put into good Condition as soon as conveniently they can.

Upon a Petition from Daniel Pellito, praying the Board to allow him a Salary for his Services as publick Whipper in this City: The

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Board having consider'd thereof, agree to allow him Ten pounds p annum, to be paid him by the Treasurer, for the Services aforesaid; Which Salary is to commence from the 14th Day of April 1752.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 23d Day of July 1753.

Present

Benjª Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder
Robert Strettell
Thoª Lawrence
John Mifflin
} Esquires, Aldermen.

Nathaniel Allen
George Mifflin
John Warder
John Stamper
Joshua Maddox
John Redman
Samuel Rhoads
Amos Strettell
Wm Coleman
} Common Council Men.

Thomas Hill now requesting this Board to release him from a Bargain made with them the 16th May 1752, concerning a Demise of the Publick Wharffs for four Years, pretending that the Profits thereof were so small that he could not afford to pay the Rent agreed on; The Board, upon considering the said Request, agreed to discharge him from the said Bargain, upon payment of what is justly due to him, to the End of the Current Quarter.

Charles Stow now praying the Board to make him some Allowance for Fire-wood and Candles supplied by him at the Mayors Court for Two & twenty Years past, The Board agreed to allow him Seven Shillings & Six pence p annum for the sd Fire Wood & Candles, and his Trouble relating thereto.

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Upon the Petition of John Hamilton, Sailmaker, setting forth that he was convicted of Felony at the Mayors Court held in Jan^{y} last, and (besides Corporal Punishment) was fined Thirty Shillings, And not being able to pay the said Fine and the Charges of Prosecution, humbly praying the s^{d} Fine may be remitted. The Board do remit the same upon Condition that the Petitioner will depart the Province.

Upon the Petition of Thomas Carter, Setting forth that being convicted at the last Mayors Court, of Assaulting & beating one Sarah Russel he was fined Twenty Pounds, which he is not able to pay, and praying therefore that the said Fine may be remitted: Resolved that the Petitioners Bond be taken for the said Fine.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 21st Day of August 1753.

Present

Benj Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esq^{r}, Recorder
Thomas Lawrence, Robert Strettell, Charles Willing } Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Joshua Maddox, George Mifflin, John Stamper, Nath^{l} Allen, W^{m} Bingham, Joshua Emlen, Amos Strettell, W^{m} Shippen, John Redman, Samuel Rhoads, William Coleman } Common Council Men.

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Several Persons petitioning for the Office of Wood-Corder, and offering to take a Lease of the Publick Wharffs, the Board upon the Question resolved to appoint Thomas Bourne, one of the Petitioners, to the said Office; who being called in, the Board also agreed to let him such of the Publick Wharffs as were rented to Owen Roberts and John Pickel, except those at the End of the Dock Streets, now in the Tenure of Benjamin Loxley, for the Term of Four Years, if he shall so long live, or in case of his Death within that Time, to the end of the Year, then commenced: The Rent to be Fifty Pounds p annum, and the said Wharffs to be delivered up in as good Order as he receives them. And the said Thomas Bourne was directed to get a Lease drawn accordingly, and to give Bond with Security for Performance of Covenants.

FORM OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE FAIRS.

O Yes & Silence is commanded while the Fair is Proclaiming, upon Pain of Imprisonment.

A. B., Esquire, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia doth hereby, in the Kings Name strictly charge & command all Persons trading & negotiating within this Fair, to keep the Kings Peace.

And that no Person or Persons whatsoever presume to set up any Booth or Stall for the Vending of Strong Liquours within this Fair.

And that no Person or Persons presume to bear or carry any unlawful Weapons to the Terrour or Annoyance of his Majestys Subjects, or to gallop or strain Horses within the Built Parts of this City.

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And if any person shall receive any Hurt or Injury from another let him repair to the Mayor, here present, and his wrongs shall be redressed.

This Fair to continue Three Days and no longer.

God Save the King.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL,

1753 To 17th FEBRUARY, 1776.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 2d October 1753, A. M.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Charles Willing
- Robert Strettle
- Joseph Turner
- Abraham Taylor
- John Mifflin

Common Council Men.
- Samuel Rhoads
- Thomas Bond
- Charles Norris
- Joseph Morris
- Septimus Robinson
- John Ingles

Common Council Men.
- William Shippen
- George Mifflin
- Joseph Sims
- Amos Strettell
- Joshua Maddox
- John Redman
- Thos Cadwalader
- Phineas Bond
- John Warder
- Nathaniel Allen
- John Stamper
- Thos Lawrence, junr
- Atwood Shute
- John Wilcocks
- William Coleman

The Board, pursuant to their Charter, proceeded to the Choice of a Mayor for the Year ensuing, and Alderman Lawrence was chosen by a Majority of Votes.

The Board being inform'd the Governour could not come to Town till four o'Clock in the afternoon, adjourn'd to that Hour.

October the 2d, P. M.

The Board being met according to Adjournment, waited on the Governor (at the House of Mr. Turner) where Alderman Lawrence, the Mayor Elect, took and Subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, and also that for his faithful Discharge of the Office of Mayor, for the Year ensuing.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia, the 25th Day of April 1754.

Present

Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder

William Allen, Esqr,
Charles Willing
Benja Shoemaker
William Plumsted
William Attwood
Robert Strettel
John Mifflin
Joseph Turner
} Esquires, Aldermen.

William Coxe
Phineas Bond
Joshua Maddox
William Shippen
Samuel Rhoads
Nathaniel Allen
Joshua Emlen
Joseph Morris
William Bingham
Amos Strettell
John Redman

George Mifflin
John Stamper
Thomas Bond
Wm Humphreys

Septimus Robinson
Thos Cadwalader
William Coleman
Attwood Shute.

The Recorder acquainted the Board that they were called together upon Occasion of the Decease of Thomas Lawrence, Esq, the late Mayor, in order to make a new Choice pursuant to the Charter: Whereupon Alderman Willing was elected Mayor for the remaining part of the current Year, by a great Majority.

Alderman Mifflin, Amos Strettell and William Coleman are appointed a Committee to settle all Accounts now depending with this Corporation, and are desired to make Report of their Doings to this Board, as soon as conveniently they can.

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Aldermen Turner, Alderman Mifflin, William Coxe & John Redman, were desired to wait on the Governor to know when he will receive this Board with the Mayor elect, in order to his being qualified: Who return'd and inform'd the Board he was ready to receive them. The Board then waited on the Governor (at the House of Mr Allen) where Alderman Willing took & subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, and also that for the faithful Discharge of the office of Mayor of this City.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 31st Day of August 1754.

Present

Charles Willing, Esqr, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Robert Strettell
- Benja Shoemaker
- Anthony Morris
- Abraham Taylor
- William Plumsted
- Benja Franklin

Common Council Men.
- Thomas Bond
- John Warder
- Nathl Allen
- John Stamper
- Joseph Sims
- George Emlen
- Joshua Maddox

Common Council Men.
- John Ingles
- Joseph Morris
- John Redman
- Attwood Shute
- Joshua Emlen
- Amos Strettell
- Isaac Jones
- Lloyd Zachary
- William Humphreys
- Samuel Rhoads
- William Bingham
- Thos Cadwalader
- John Wilcocks
- William Coxe
- Septimus Robeson
- William Coleman
- Thos Lawrence.

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Several Persons petitioning this Board for the Office of Measurer of Wheat and other Grain, brought to this City for Sale (vacant by the Death of George Spafford) John Nelson, one of the s[d] Petitioners, was chosen by a Majority of Votes.

George Lee & Richard Davis petitioning this Board to remit the Fines imposed on them at the last Mayors Court for Assaulting the Watch, they not being of Ability to pay the same; Order'd that the said Fines be remitted, provided they enter on board His Majesty's Sloop of War, now in this Harbour, at the Time of her sailing from hence.

James Murphey petitioning this Board for the Remission of a Fine imposed on him at the Mayors Court for assaulting one of the Watchmen of this City; Order'd that the Treasurer take the said Murphey's Bond for the payment of the said Fine.

Upon the Petition of William Shremer, praying the Remission of a Fine of Fifteen Pounds, imposed on him for passing a counterfeit Jersey Fifteen Shilling Bill, alledging that he received it as a true Bill from a Person unknown, and that he is altogether unable to pay the said Fine; the Board in Consideration of the Petitioners poverty, do remit Ten pounds of the said Fine.

Mary Jessup, praying the Remission of a Fine of Nine Pounds ten Shillings, imposed on her for Larceny, her Petition was rejected.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, on Tuesday the first of October 1754.

Present

Charles Willing, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esq^{r}, Recorder
Robert Strettell
Joseph Turner
William Plumsted
John Mifflin
William Allen
Edward Shippen
} Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.

Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Sims
Sam^{l} M^{c}Call, jun^{r}
John Redman
Tho^{s} Cadwalader
John Wilcocks
W^{m} Humphreys
Tho^{s} Laurence
Nath^{l} Allen
Attwood Shute
W^{m} Bingham
John Ingles
William Coleman.

Joshua Maddox
Septimus Robinson
Thomas Bond

The Board, in pursuant of their Charter, proceeded to make Choice of a Mayor for the Year ensuing, and Charles Willing, Esq, the present Mayor, was re-elected by a great Majority of Votes.

The Governor's Indisposition preventing his coming to Town, Richard Peters, Esq^{r}, Provincial Secretary, attended at the Board, and, by Virtue of a Dedimus potestatem to him directed for that Purpose, administered to the Mayor the Qualifications required by Law, and also that for the due Execution of his Office.

The Board understanding that Robert Hunter Morris, Esq^{r}, being appointed to succeed the Hon^{ble} James Hamilton, Esquire, as Lieutenant Governor of this Province, intended to be in Town on Thursday next, were unanimously of Opinion it would be proper to pre-

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sent him a congratulatory Address upon his appointment to the Government, and the Recorder was desired to make a Draught of the same, to be laid before the Board at their next meeting.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the fourth Day of October, 1754.

Present

Charles Willing, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- William Allen
- Robert Strettell
- Anthony Morris
- Edward Shippen
- Abraham Taylor

Joshua Maddox
Septimus Robeson
William Logan
Joseph Morris
Phineas Bond

Attwood Shute
Samuel Rhoads
Samuel Mickle
Lloyd Zachary
John Redman
Amos Strettell
William Bingham
John Ingles
Joseph Sims
John Wilcocks
William Humphreys
Thomas Bond
William Coleman.

Pursuant to the Request of the Common Council, the Recorder produced the Draught of an Address proposed to be presented to the Governour, which was read, and after some Additions made thereto was order'd to be engross'd, being in the following Words, viz:

, To the Honourable Robert Hunter Morris, Esquire, Lieu-
, tenant Governour of the Province of Pensylvania, and
, the three Lower Counties of New-Castle, Kent and Sussex,
, upon Delaware.

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, The humble Address of the Mayor & Commonalty of
, the City of Philadelphia.

, May it please your Honour,

, We, the Mayor and Commonalty of the , City of Philadelphia, do most humbly congratulate you on your , Appointment to the Government of Pensylvania, and your safe , Arrival in the Province.

, Nothing could compensate for the great Loss we have sus- , tained by the Resignation of our late Governour, whose mild and , equal Administration in every Instance tended to promote the true , Interest of the People, and preserve inviolate their Rights, both , Civil and Religious, but the reasonable Hopes we entertain that , your Honour will pursue the same generous & benevolent Mea- , sures.

, This small, but just and sincere Tribute, paid to Virtue, , must be agreeable to all, who with honest Hearts wish the Pros- , perity of this Province; But to none, we are perswaded, can it be , more grateful, than to you his worthy Successor, who have already , remarkably distinguished yourself by your great Abilities and , your inviolable Regard to Justice in the honourable Post you late- , ly filled in a neighbouring Government.

, We are truly sensible of the many invaluable Blessings , we enjoy under the auspicious Reign of the best of Kings, towards , whom our Hearts have been ever filled with the sincerest Loyalty: , And we have always retained a most grateful Sense of the ample , immunities and Priveledges granted to us by Charter, by our late , honourable Proprietor; and have upon every Occasion demon- , strated our affectionate and dutiful Regard to his worthy Descen-

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, dants and their Governours. We therefore hope that we shall, , during your Government, be favour'd with your Countenance and , Protection in all our just Rights. Our sincerest Wishes are that , your Administration may be both easy and agreeable to yourself , and Advantageous to the Province.

Signed by Order of the Board,

Cha^{s} Willing, Mayor.

The Board then waited upon the Governor in a Body, and presented the said Address, to which he was pleased make the following answer:

, Gentlemen,

, I heartily thank you for your kind Congratu- , lations on my Appointment and Arrival to this Government.

, None that are acquainted with Mr. Hamilton's Administra- , tion, but must approve of it in all its Parts; and I am glad you have , given me this opportunity of declaring, that I think him intitled to , the most grateful Returns from the People of this Country; and , his Conduct worthy of Imitation, not only by me, but any other , that shall have the Honour to Succeed him.

, The Sentiments you express concerning my Conduct in the , Station I had the Honour to fill in a neighbouring Province, give , me the greatest Satisfaction, as they come from Gentlemen - - , - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - who are , themselves distinguished for an equal Distribution of Justice to the , People over whom they preside.

, I heartily join with you, in the just sense you have of the , Blessings you enjoy under his present Majesty, whose paternal

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, Care extends to all his Subjects, however remote from his Sacred , person.

, The proprietary Family have at all Times shown an af- , fectionate Regard to the People of this City and Province; and I , have it in charge to make you the Proprietor's Assurances, that , they have nothing more at Heart than their welfare and Prosperity: , Nor can I do the Proprietors more acceptable Service than to con- , sult and promote the true Interest and Advancement of this City , upon all Occasions.

, And as I sincerely intend to make the Laws and Constitu- , tion, the Rule and Measure of my Conduct, I am not without Hopes , that my Administration will, agreeable to your good Wishes, be , attended with Ease to myself, and Advantage to the Publick.

The Mayor then, in Behalf of the Board, invited the Governour to an Entertainment on Thursday next.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the fourth Day of December 1754.

Present

Tench Francis, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- William Allen, Esq
- Benj^{a} Shoemaker
- Joseph Turner
- William Plumsted
- Robert Strettell
- John Mifflin

Common Council Men.
- John Warder
- John Stamper
- Samuel Rhoades
- Joshua Maddox

Common Council Men.
- W^{m} Humphreys
- John Redman
- Tho^{s} Lawrence
- Samuel M^{c}Call
- William Coleman
- George Mifflin
- W^{m} Bingham
- Joshua Emlen
- John Inglis
- Joseph Sims
- Phineas Bond
- John Wilcocks
- Tho^{s} Cadwalader

The Recorder Acquainted the Board that the Decease of Charles Willing, Esq^{r}, the late Mayor, had occasioned their being called together at this Time, in order to their making a new Choice, in pursuance of the Charter.

Whereupon, Alderman Plumsted was chosen by a Majority of Votes.

Alderman Turner, Alderman Mifflin, John Inglis and William Humphreys, were desired to wait on the Governour, to know when the Board should attend him with the Mayor Elect, in order to his being qualified.

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The Gentlemen appointed to wait on the Governor return'd, and informed the Board that he was ready to receive them. The Board then waited on the Governour at his House, where Alderman Plumsted took and subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, and also that for the faithful Discharge of the Office of Mayor of this City for the remaining part of the current year.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the first Day of March 1755.

Present

William Plumsted, Esq, Mayor
Tench Francis, Esq, Recorder
William Allen, Esq^r
Benjamin Shoemaker
Abraham Taylor
Benjamin Franklin
Robert Strettell
John Mifflin
} Esquires.
John Inglis
William Shippen
W^m Bingham
Samuel M^cCall, jun^r
W^m Humphreys
John Wilcocks
Joseph Sims
Tho^s Cadwalader
William Coleman
Joshua Maddox
Amos Strettell.

The Mayor having acquainted the Board that James Coultas had given Notice he intended to leave the Ferry at Schuylkill, belonging to this Corporation, on the 30^th Day of August next, when his year expires,

Order'd, That an Advertisement be publish'd in the Gazette, requesting such Persons who may be inclined to take the same to

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send their Proposals to the Mayor, sealed up, on or before the first Day of August next.

Upon the Petition of George Hoppacher & Margaret his wife, setting forth, "That Peter Weger, late Husband of the said Mar- "garet, held a Stall in the Market for six or seven years, and duly "paid the Rent thereon, as also did they, the said Petitioners, for the "Time which they held the same after his Decease, as may appear "by the Clerk of the Markets Receipts. That the said Clerk of "the Market, had, notwithstanding, put another Person into Posses- "sion of the said Stall, greatly to their Injury," &c. Order'd that the Mayor, Recorder and Treasurer, or any two of them, be a Committee to enquire into the Premises; and also to examine into the Conduct of the Clerk of the Market respecting his manner of letting the Stalls, it being suggested that since the Care of the Stalls to the Westward of the Court House had been left to him, he had been guilty of some unwarrantable Exactions.

It is also Order'd that, for the future, the said Committee, or any two of them, have the sole Power of letting the said Stalls, and that the Clerk of the Market do not intermeddle therewith, further than to acquaint them when any Stall becomes vacant, and to refer all Applyers to them.

It being represented to the Board, that in the Lottery now carrying on for the Assistance of the Trustees of the Academy and Charity School in this City, towards compleating their Plan, some of the Tickets remain unsold; and as the Time appointed for drawing the said Lottery is near at Hand, it was proposed, that to prevent any Delay, a Number of the said Lottery Tickets should be taken out on Account, and at the Risque of this Corporation. The Board having consider'd the said Proposal, resolved That five Hun-

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dred Tickets (in Case so many shall remain unsold at the Time appointed for drawing) be taken up by the Treasurer on account of this Corporation.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 16th Day of August 1755.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor		Thos Lawrence
Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder		John Redman
Anthony Morris	Esquires, Aldermen.	Atwood Shute
Benja Shoemaker		John Ingles
John Mifflin		Thos Cadwalader
Robert Strettel		Samuel Mickle
William Allen		Wm Bingham
Joseph Turner		Samuel Rhoads
		Amos Strettle
		Phineas Bond
Joshua Maddox		William Shippen
George Mifflin		William Humphreys
Nathaniel Allen		John Stamper
Joseph Sims		William Coleman
Samuel McCall, junr		Joseph Morris
John Wilcocks		Thomas Bond.

The Mayor acquainted the Board that in pursuance of an Order of Common Council, of the first of March last, an Advertisement had been published in the Gazette, giving Notice That the Ferry at Schuylkill, belonging to this Corporation, was to be lett, and requesting that those who might be inclined to take the same upon a Lease

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or otherwise, would send in their Proposals on or before the first of this Instant. And that several Persons in Consequence of the said Advertisement, had sent in Proposals, which he then produced at the Board.

The said Proposals being respectively read, and such of the Proposers who attended, called in and made to explain themselves more particularly; the Board, after due Consideration, unanimously agreed to grant a Lease of the said Ferry to Evan Evans of Philadelphia, on the Terms by him offered, which were these, to wit, That he would give the yearly Rent of One Hundred & seventy five Pounds, for a Lease of three Years, and keep and maintain the Buildings, Wharffs, Causeways, Boats, &c., belonging thereto, in good Repair, extraordinary Accidents excepted; and deliver them up at the end of the said Term, in like good Order and Condition; And also, that he would give Bond with sufficient Sureties for performance of Covenants, &c.

Ordered, That he be directed to get a Lease and Bond drawn accordingly, and leave the same with the Recorder for his Approbation.

Attwood Shute, Samuel Rhoads and John Wilcocks, or any two of them, are appointed a Committee to view the Buildings, Boats, &c., belonging to the said Ferry, and to report what Condition they find them in, to this Board, at their next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to Settle the Accounts depending with this Corporation, are desired to use their Endeavours to compleat the same, and make Report at the next Common Council.

Upon the Petition of John Smith, setting forth that he was fined at the last City Sessions in the Sum of Thirteen Pounds Sixteen

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Shillings, on an Indictment for Felony, That he is extremely poor and unable to pay the said Fine, and praying the Board will be pleased to remit the same. The Board considering the Petitioners Poverty do remit the same, upon Condition that he inlist himself a Soldier with Capt. David Allen, now raising Recruits for Colonel Lasscelles Regiment of Foot, at Hallifax, but not otherwise.

At a Convention of the Members of the Common Council the 29th Day of August 1755.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor

William Allen
Benja Shoemaker,
Abraham Taylor
John Mifflin
Anthony Morris
} Esquires, Aldermen.

Septimus Robinson
Thos Cadwalader
Saml McCall, junr
Joshua Maddox
Joseph Sims
Joseph Morris
John Wilcox
Samuel Rhoads
George Mifflin
Thomas Bond
William Coleman
Phineas Bond
John Inglis
William Bingham
} Common Council Men.

The Mayor acquainted the Board that he had received a Letter from Tench Francis, Esqr, Recorder of this City, acquainting him with his Purpose of going for England, which had occasioned their

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being called together at this Time; which Letter was then produced & read, being in the Word following, to wit,

, To William Plumsted, Esq^{r}, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, 26th August 1755.

, Dear Sir,

, As the uncertain State of my Health obliges me to go for , England, you will Summon the Corporation immediately to elect , Some Person to fill the Place of Recorder.

, Be pleased to let them know that I return them my Sincere , Thanks for the Honour and Favour they did me, in electing me to , that Office, and that I wish them all Happiness and Prosperity; , which may be done by laying this Letter before them.

, I should have waited upon them myself, but that I thought my , Resignation a Matter of too small Importance to give them the , Trouble of a Meeting. I am your Affect^{e} Friend and humble , Serv^{t}, Tench Francis.

The Mayor then proposed to the Board, that as Mr. Francis had resigned, they would proceed to chuse another in his Room, and Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, after being admitted Freeman of this City, was unanimously chosen Recorder of the same.

The said Benjamin Chew, being made acquainted with the said Election, personally appeared at the Board, and took and Subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, and at the same Time was attested for the due Execution of the said Office.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia, on Tuesday the 7th October 1755.

Present

William Plumsted, Esq, Mayor		Septimus Robson
Benjamin Chew, Esq, Recorder		Thoˢ Cadwalader
Robert Strettell	Esquires, Aldermen.	John Wilcocks
Benjamin Franklin		Samˡ McCall, junr
John Mifflin		Isaac Jones
Joseph Turner		Attwood Shute
Edward Shippen		Wm Coleman
William Allen, Esqr		Phineas Bond
		William Humphreys
		John Stamper
		William Bingham
		John Redman
		Thoˢ Lawrence
		Nathl Allen
		Joshua Maddox

Common Council Men.

The Board, in Pursuance of their Charter, proceeded to the Choice of a Mayor for the Year ensuing, and William Plumsted, Esquire, the present Mayor, was re-elected by a Majority of Votes.

Upon a Resolve of the Board to chuse three new Aldermen and Ten new Common Council Men, John Stamper, Attwood Shute and Thomas Lawrence were chosen Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes; and Edward Shippen, junr, Samuel Mifflin, Alexander Huston, John Wallace, Alexander Stedman, Andrew Elliot, Samuel Morris, Jacob Duche, Samuel Shoemaker & Thomas Willing were unanimously chosen Common Council Men of the same City.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 24th Day of November 1755.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen:
William Allen, Esq
Robert Strettel
Abraham Taylor
Joseph Turner
John Mifflin
Anthony Morris
John Stamper
Thomas Lawrence

Common Council Men:
Thomas Bond
John Wilcocks
Edw Shippen, junr
Samuel Mifflin

Common Council Men:
John Wallace
John Redman
Joshua Maddox
Thos Cadwalader
Samuel Shoemaker
Alexander Stedman
Wm Humphreys
William Coxe
Amos Strettell
Alexr Huston
John Inglis
Joseph Sims
Septimus Robson
William Coleman
Thomas Willing

Edward Shippen, junr, Samuel Mifflin, Alexander Huston, John Wallace, Thomas Willing, Alexander Stedman & Samuel Shoemaker respectively took and Subscribed the usual Qualifications as Common Council Men of this City.

The Mayor produced the Draught of a Remonstrance proposed to be sent from this Board to the Assembly of this Province, on Occasion of the extreme Distress brought upon the People by the Inroads of our Indian Enemies, & the cruel Murders & Devastations committed by them; and earnestly requesting the Assembly to take some speedy and effectual Measures for the Defence of the In-

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habitants, by Raising a Sum of Money and passing a reasonable Law for the well regulating a Militia; Which being read, some Amendments made therein, was ordered to be ingross'd and Signed by the Mayor, on Behalf of the Board.

The Mayor, Alderman Stamper, Alderman Lawrence, Septimus Robeson, William Coxe, Dr. Thomas Bond & Samuel Mifflin are appointed a Committee to present the said Remonstrance to the House of Assembly To morrow Morning.

It being represented to the Board that the Sum of Twenty five Pounds due to the Widow Howell for Coll° Dunbar's Board and Lodging during his Stay in this City, yet remains unpaid, and that she, being in low Circumstances is in great Want of the Money; It is order'd by the Board that the Mayor give an Order on the Treasurer of this Corporation for the Payment thereof.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 2d Day of February 1756.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Thomas Lawrence
- John Stamper
- Robert Strettell
- Attwood Shute

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robinson
- John Redman
- Saml Shoemaker
- Saml Rhoads
- Jacob Duche

Common Council Men.
- Amos Strettell
- William Bingham
- Thomas Willing
- Joseph Morris
- John Wallace
- Joseph Sims
- John Inglis
- Samuel Mifflin
- Wm Humphreys
- Alexander Huston
- William Coleman
- Thos Cadwalader
- Wm Shippen

It being represented to the Board that this City is at present in a very defenceless State, and as a War is apprehended with France, it is proposed to make an Application to the Governor, and the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for disposing of the Sixty Thousand Pounds lately granted for the Kings Use, requesting them to apply a Part of that Sum for the Defence and Security of this City in this Time of Danger; which Proposal is agreed to by a great Majority.

Order'd, That Alderman Shute, Alderman Lawrence, Thomas Cadwalader, John Inglis & Thomas Willing, be a Committee to wait on the Governor, and the sd Commissioners, and, in the Name of this Corporation, to request that they would be pleased to apply

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Part of the said Sixty Thousand Pounds in the Manner aforesaid; and Report the Answer they may give to this Board at their next Meeting.

Upon the Petition of William Drisdale, setting forth That at the Mayors Court in October last, he was convicted of an Assault and Battery on the Body of William Smith, and was fined for the said Offence in the Sum of Ten Pounds. That he is very poor and incapable of paying the s^{d} Fine, and humbly prays the same may be remitted: The Board having taken the Premises into Consideration do Order, in Case he enters into the Kings Service & departs this Province, that the said Fine be remitted.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 4th Day of February 1756.

Present

William Plumsted, Esq, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- John Mifflin
- John Stamper
- Attwood Shute
- Abraham Taylor
- Thomas Lawrence

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robinson
- Amos Strettell
- Samuel Shoemaker
- William Bingham
- Thomas Willing
- Andrew Elliot
- Phineas Bond
- John Inglis
- Joseph Sims
- Alexander Huston
- William Humphreys
- William Coleman

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The Committee appointed at the last Common Council to wait on the Governor and the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for disposing of the Sixty Thousand Pounds lately granted for the Kings Use, to request that they would lay out a Part of the said Sum for the Defence and Security of this City; Report, "That "they accordingly waited on the Governor & the s[d] Commissioners, "and acquainted them with the Request of this Board; who there- "upon desired the Committee to furnish them with a Plan & Esti- "mate of the Expense of what was thought necessary to be done "upon this Occasion: That the Committee not having an Oppor- "tunity to consult the Board, did after Considering the Matter "among themselves, lay before the Governor and Commissioners "a Sketch of several Things which appeared to them necessary to "be done, with an Estimate of the Expense thereof, and of a Quan- "tity of Cannon, Arms & Ammunition, with such other matters as "occur'd to them; And that upon the whole, the Governor and "the Commissioners declared they would take the same into Con- "sideration, and seem'd inclined to comply with the Request of "this Board.

Upon the Petitions of James Mecredy, Honour Mecredy and Elizabeth Johnson, respectively setting forth that they were convicted of Felony at the last City Sessions, & sentenced to undergo Corporal Punishment, and to pay sundry Fines to this Corporation; That they were extreamly poor and not able to pay the said Fines, and therefore humbly praying this Board to remit the same. The Board having considered the premisses, and that it was best to remove the said Petitioners as soon as possible, to prevent their becoming chargeable to this City, do Order That the said several Fines be remitted, upon Condition that they & each of them depart this Province, and return to the Province of Maryland, from whence

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it is said they came; but that they be not discharged till the Mayor shall have a suitable opportunity of sending them away.

Upon the Petition of John Adams, setting forth That at the City Sessions held in January last, he was convicted of an Assault & Battery upon the Body of Alexander Thomson, and was fined for the said Offence in the sum of five Pounds; That he has made use of all means in his power to raise the Said Sum, but is not able to do it, and therefore praying the Board to remit the Same. The Board having consider'd thereof, do remit his said Fine, upon Condition that he do inlist himself as a Soldier in the Kings Service, but not otherwise.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 21st Day of August 1756.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Anthony Morris
- John Mifflin
- John Stamper
- Attwood Shute

Common Council Men.
- Thomas Cadwalader
- Joseph Morris
- Edward Shippen, junr
- Samuel Morris
- John Redman
- Thor Willing
- Samuel Shoemaker

Common Council Men.
- John Wilcocks
- Joshua Emlen
- Samuel Mickle
- Saml McCall, junr
- William Shippen
- William Bingham
- Amos Strettell
- John Inglis
- Samuel Mifflin
- Phineas Bond
- Jacob Duche
- John Wallace
- Alexander Huston
- William Humphreys
- William Coleman

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The Board being met, the Recorder produced the Draught of an Address, proposed to be presented to the Hon^ble^ William Denny, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of this Province, to congratulate him on his Safe Arrival; which being read and approved of by the Board, was order'd to be engross'd. And Alderman Shute, Samuel M^c^Call, jun^r^, & Edward Shippen, jun^r^, were appointed to wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the Mayor & Commonalty desired Leave to attend him, and that he would be pleased to signify when and where he would receive them.

The Petition of Susanna, the Wife of Richard Morris, was now read, setting forth that one James Finley, Servant to the s^d^ Richard, had been convicted at the last City Sessions of feloniously taking some money belonging to the said Petitioner, and that for the said Offence he was sentenced, (besides Corporal Punishment,) to pay a Fine of Three pounds seventeen Shillings & six pence to this Corporation; That the said James now lay in Goal for the said Fine, not having wherewithal to pay it; That he was desirous to enter himself on board a Privateer now fitting out to cruize against his Majesty's Enemies, to which his said Master & Mistress had consented. The Petitioner therefore prayed the said Fine might be remitted. The Board having consider'd the Premises, order'd that the said Fine be remitted.

The Gentlemen who went on a Message to the Governor returned, and acquainted them that he was ready to receive them at the House of the late Governor. Whereupon the Board attended him at the said House, where the forementioned Address was presented him, being in the the following words, to wit:

, To the Hon^ble^ William Denny, Esquire, Lieutenant Go-
, vernor & Commander in Chief of the Province of Pen-

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, sylvania, & Counties of New-Castle, Kent & Sussex, upon , Delaware.

, The humble Address of the Mayor & Commonalty of , the City of Philadelphia.

, May it please your Honour,

We the Mayor & Commonalty of the City of Philadelphia, beg , Leave to congratulate you on your safe Arrival among us, and , Accession to the Government of this Province. The tender and , paternal Care His most sacred Majesty hath been graciously , pleased to extend to His Subjects on this Continent in protecting , them from the ambitious Attempts of His Enemies, justly demands , of us the most grateful Acknowledgments and the strongest Re- , turns of Loyalty, that a dutiful & affectionate People can make , to the best of Princes.

, We are truly sensible of the many valuable Privileges we enjoy , under our present Constitution and Government, and esteem it , an Addition to the many Favours already confer'd by our honour- , able Proprietaries on the People of this Province, that they have , been pleased to consult our Happiness & Security (at this critical , Juncture,) by committing the Government thereof to a Person so , well qualified to execute so high and important a Trust.

, With grateful Hearts we acknowledge the Obligations we are , under to the honourable Proprietary Family, to our late Worthy , Governor and his Predecessors, for protecting this Corporation, , and securing to us the Privileges and Immunities granted to us by , the truly benevolent Founder of this Province; and from the , amiable Character you bear, we doubt not the Continuance of , all our just Rights under your Honours Administration.

, Signed by Order of the Board,

William Plumsted, Mayor.

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To which the Governor was pleased to make the following Answer:

, Gentlemen of the Corporation,

, I am very much obliged to you for your affectionate Address , and the Loyalty you express for His Majesty's Person, Govern- , ment, and fatherly Care of His Colonies. I have the Honour to , assure you, that you may depend on my Protection, and am , certain the most agreeable service I can do the Proprietaries , will be to preserve and secure the Rights and Priviledges of the , Inhabitants of this Province, and particularly those of the City , of Philadelphia.

The Board then attended the Governor to the Lodge-Room, where Provision had been made by their Order to entertain him and the Members of Assembly of this Province, &c.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 4th Day of September 1756.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor		Thos Cadwalader	Common Council Men.
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder		Samuel Rhoads	
Benjamin Shoemaker, Esqr	Aldermen.	Septimus Robeson	
Joseph Turner, Esqr		William Bingham	
John Mifflin, Esqr		Thomas Willing	
Attwood Shute, Esqr		Phineas Bond	
		Alexander Huston	
		Alexander Stedman	
		William Coleman	
		Samuel Shoemaker	

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The Mayor produced an Account from William Nicholson for the Expence of the Entertainment prepared by Order of the Board for his Honour the Governor, &c., amounting to One Hundred & thirteen pounds six Shillings; which being examined and allowed, the Mayor was desired to draw an order on the Treasurer of this Corporation for the payment thereof.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 5th Day of October 1756.

Present

William Plumsted, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen:
William Allen, Esqr
Robert Strettell, Esqr
Joseph Turner, Esqr
Benjs Shoemaker, Esqr
John Stamper, Esqr
Attwood Shute, Esqr
Thomas Lawrence, Esqr
Edward Shippen, Esqr

Common Council Men:
Thomas Cadwalader
Septimus Robinson
Samuel Morris

Common Council Men:
Edwd Shippen, junr
Alexander Huston
Joseph Sims
Jacob Duche
William Bingham
Phineas Bond
William Shippen
Thomas Willing
Samuel Shoemaker
William Humphreys
George Mifflin
Amos Strettell
John Wallace
Thomas Bond
William Coleman

The Board, in pursuance of their Charter, proceeded to the Choice of a Mayor for the Year ensuing, and Alderman Shute was elected by a Majority of Votes.

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Upon a Resolve of the Board to chuse two new Aldermen, Alexander Stedman and Samuel Mifflin were elected Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes.

It being proposed that this Board should give some publick Testimony of their Regard and Esteem for Colonel John Armstrong, and the other Officers concerned in the late Expedition against the Indians at Kittanning, and the Courage and Conduct shown by them on that Occasion; and also contribute to the Relief of the Widows and Children of those who lost their Lives in that Expedition.

Resolved, That this Board will give the sum of One Hundred & fifty pounds out of their Stock in the Treasurer's Hands, to be laid out in Pieces of Plate, Swords, or other Things suitable for Presents to the said Officers, and towards the Relief of the said Widows and Children; And that the present Mayor, the Mayor Elect, the Recorder, Alderman Shippen, Colonel Duche, and Thomas Willing, be a Committee to determine the Species and Value of the said Presents, and appropriate the same respectively; and with the Remainder of the Money to relieve the said Widows and Orphans, as far as it will extend. The Mayor is also desired to write a Letter to Colonel Armstrong, to be sent with the said Presents.

The members of the Board then attended the Mayor Elect to his House, where he took and subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, and also the Oath for the faithful Discharge of the Office of Mayor of this City, before Richard Peters, Esquire, by virtue of a Dedimus protestatem to him directed by the Honourable the Governor for that purpose.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 9th Day of December 1756.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- William Plumsted
- Benja Shoemaker
- Thos Lawrence
- Robert Strettell
- John Stamper
- Alexr Stedman

Common Council Men.
- Joshua Maddox
- Septimus Robeson
- Edwd Shippen
- William Coxe
- Wm Humphreys
- Samuel Mifflin
- Saml McCall, junr
- Wm Bingham
- Wm Coleman
- Samuel Morris
- Thos Cadwalader

The Mayor acquainted the Board, that Application had been made to him to provide Winter Quarters in this City for Fifty officers and Five Hundred Soldiers, belonging to His Majesty's Royal American Regiment, who were now expected in Town; And that, although an Act of Assembly had been passed (as he was informed) within these few Days, directing the Billetting of Soldiers on the publick Houses in the manner used in England, Yet he apprehended those Houses would not be sufficient to entertain so great a number; nor that the Officers, particularly, would be satisfied with such Lodging and Entertainment as they could afford, and therefore desired the Advice of the Board, how to prevent, or guard against the Inconveniences that might happen, in Case any Disputes or Uneasiness should arise on this Occasion.

Upon Considering the matter, the general sense of the Board was, that the method of Quartering prescribed by the Act of Assembly

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should be strictly pursued; and if, notwithstanding, any of the Inhabitants should be subjected to Inconveniences by Officers or Soldiers intruding upon them illegally, the Sufferers ought to Apply to the Assembly, where only a Remedy could be provided.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 9th Day of February 1757.

Present

Aldermen.

Attwood Shute, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder
Benjamin Shoemaker
Robert Strettell
John Mifflin
William Plumsted
John Stamper
Tho^{s} Lawrence
Samuel Mifflin
Alexander Stedman

Common Council Men.

Edward Shippen, jun^{r}
John Wallace
Alex^{r} Huston
Andrew Elliott
Sep^{t} Robeson
Tho^{s} Cadwalader
Phineas Bond
Jacob Duche
Sam^{l} Shoemaker
William Bingham
John Redman
John Inglis
W^{m} Coleman

James Coultas having exhibited an Account amounting to £12 for the Charge of Ferriage over Schuylkill of Dunbar & Halket's Regiments in August 1755; and the Board being informed, upon Enquiry, that he had been at some extraordinary Expence in hiring

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Boats & men to assist him on that Occasion, agreed to allow him the Sum of Eight Pounds in full Satisfaction for the Same.

Agreed, That the Treasurer put out at Interest the Money in his Hands, arising from Presents made to this Corporation, and Interest paid on former Loans, on such Securities as shall be approved of by the Mayor & Recorder.

It being represented to this Board that the Right Hon^ble^ John, Earl of Loudon, Cap^t^ General of His Majesty's Force in North America, was expected to be in Town by the 17^th^ Instant; it was proposed that an Address from this Board be presented to him on his Arrival in this City, which was agreed to, and the Recorder was desired to make a Draught of an Address for that purpose. It was also agreed that Provision be made at the Expence of this Board for entertaining his Lordship, and such of his Officers, &c., as may be then in Town, at Dinner; and Alderman Samuel Mifflin, John Ingles, Andrew Elliott, Edward Shippen, jun^r^, & William Bingham are desired to assist the Mayor in making Preparation for the said Entertainment.

Upon the Petition of Elizabeth Weeks, setting forth that a Fine of Five Pounds seven Shillings & Six pence, had been imposed by the Mayor's Court, held in October last, on Margaret Shubertson, her Servant Girl, upon a Conviction of stealing Sundry Sums of Money from her, the said Elizabeth; That she had suffered greatly by her said Servants dishonest conduct, and that she now lay in Goal at her Expense, and therefore prayed the Board to remit the said Fine, in order to her Discharge ——. The Board in Consideration of the Premisses do remit the s^d^ Fine.

The Petition of James White, praying the Remission of a Fine of Twenty Pounds imposed on him at the last Mayor's Court, upon Con-

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viction of an Assault and Battery, committed by him on Thomas Lawrence, Upholster, was rejected.

The Mayor acquainted the Board that the Presents provided by their Direction for Colonel John Armstrong, and his Officers, together with what was left of the Sum of £150, voted by the Board for purchasing the said Presents, had been forwarded to that Gentleman, accompanied with a Letter from himself; And that Colonel Armstrong had return'd a Letter of Acknowledgment, with a Request, if the Board had no Objection, that it might be printed in the Gazette. The said Letters were then read, being in the following Words, viz:

"To Colonel John Armstrong,

"Sir,

"The Corporation of the City of Philadelphia greatly approve "of your Conduct & publick Spirit in the late Expedition against "the Town of Kittanning, and are highly pleased with the Signal "proofs of Courage and personal Bravery given by you, and the "Officers and Soldiers under your Command, in the Demolishing "of that Place. I am therefore ordered to return you and them "the Thanks of the Board for the eminent Service you have there-"by done your Country. I am also ordered by the Corporation to "present you, out of their small publick Stock, with a piece of "Plate and a Silver Medal, and each of your commissioned Officers "with a Medal, and a Small Sum of Money, to be disposed of in the "manner most agreeable to them; which the Board desire you will "accept as a Testimony of the Regard they have for your Merit.

"Signed by Order,

"Attwood Shute, Mayor.

January 5, 1757.

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"To the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen & Common Council of the "Corporation of the City of Philadelphia.

"Gentlemen,

"Your favour of the 5th Instant, together with the "Medals and other genteel Presents, made to the Officers of my "Battalion, by the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, I had "the pleasure to receive by Capt George Armstrong.

"The Officers employed in the Kittanning Expedition have "been made acquainted with the distinguishing Honour you have "done them, and desire to join with me in acknowledging it in "the most publick Manner.

"The kind Acceptance of our past Services by the Corpora- "tion gives us the highest Pleasure, and furnishes a fresh motive "to exert ourselves on every future Occasion for the Benefit of His "Majesty's Service in general, and in Defence of this Province in "particular. In behalf of the Officers of my Battalion, I have the "Honour to be,

"Gentlemen, Your most obedient & obliged "humble Servant,

Carlisle, January 24, 1757. John Armstrong.

And, Agreeable to the Desire of Colonel Armstrong and his Officers, the Board consented that the said Letters should be printed.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 14th Day of February 1757.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqr, Mayor		Septimus Robeson	Common Council Men.
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder		Thos Cadwalader	
William Allen, Esqr,		Jacob Duche	
Benjamin Shoemaker	Esquires, Aldermen.	Samuel Rhoads	
William Plumsted		Saml Shoemaker	
John Mifflin		Edwd Shippen, junr	
Thomas Lawrence		Thomas Willing	
Robert Strettell		John Wallace	
John Stamper		John Ingles	
Samuel Mifflin		William Bingham	
&		&	
Alexander Stedman		William Coleman	

Thomas Willing was added to the Committee appointed at the last Common Council to make Provision for an Entertainment for Lord Loudon. And it being represented to the Board that it is imagined it would be agreable to his Lordship, that a convenient House should be taken and furnished for his Reception; the Board agreed that this should be done at their Expence: which is also recommended to the Care of the Committee, and also to make provision of Wine, Fuel, or other Necessaries, which they may think will be acceptable. And the Mayor & Recorder, with the said Committee, are desired to meet him at his Arrival, and conduct him to his Lodgings.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia, the 15th Day of March 1757.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Benja Shoemaker
- Robert Strettell
- William Plumsted
- John Mifflin
- Alexander Stedman
- Thomas Lawrence
- John Stamper
- Samuel Mifflin

Common Council Men.
- John Wilcocks
- Sept Robeson
- Thomas Bond

Common Council Men.
- Saml Shoemaker
- Jacob Duche
- John Redman
- Thomas Willing
- John Ingles
- Edwd Shippen, junr
- George Mifflin
- John Wallace
- Andrew Elliot
- William Coxe
- Joseph Sims
- William Colemen
- William Shippen
- William Bingham

The Committee appointed by the Board to inspect and settle the several Accounts depending with this Corporation, having stated the same to the 12th of February last, reported as follows, viz:

1 , That the Sum of £60 1 due from Thomas Griffitts, Esqr , at the Time of his Decease, yet remains unpaid; besides , £38 9 Subscription Money paid into his Hands, to purchase , Fire Engines, Buckets, &c.

3 , That the Sum of £30 11 6 by Account stated by this , Committee, is still due from Richard Sewell, for Fines re- , ceived by him when Sheriff.

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4 , That Isaac Griffitts, when Sheriff, paid the Treasurer the , Sum of £123 15 10 towards Fines, which he had received; , and this Committee compute there remains due from his , Estate the Sum of £38 14 11, tho' this Account was never , fully settled with him.

5 , That the Sum of £14 2 6 which remain'd due from Pa- , trick Baird, late Vendue Master, when this Committee pre- , sented their last Report, has been since paid to the Treas^{r} by , his Attorney, Mr. Stedman.

6 , That Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, has paid the Treasurer , £150 for six Years Rent of the Vendue Stall under the Court , House, ending the 12th October last, being at £25 p annum.

7 , That the Sum of £294 4 3 due to James Coultas, late , Tenant at Schuylkill Ferry, on Account of sundry Buildings , by him erected there, as appears by the Minutes of this Board , of 23 Sept^{r} 1756, has been since paid & discharged, to wit,

, By an Order on Alexander Huston & others, , Executors of Samuel Hassell, Esq^{r}, for .	£192 7 9

, Being all that was due from the said Executors,

, And an Order on Benjamin Shoemaker, , Esq^{r}, the present Treasurer, for the Ballance, , being	£101 16 6

8 , That James Coultas continued to hold the said Ferry from , the 19 August 1751, O. S. to 1 September 1755, N. S., being , four Years, at the Yearly Rent of £175, amounting to £700, , which Sum he has paid the Treasurer.

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9 , That Evan Evans, the present Tenant at the said Ferry, , has paid the Treasurer £175, for One Year's Rent ending , 1st Sepr last.

2 , That a Debt of £600 6, due from Nicholas Scull for Fines , received by him when Sheriff, remains unpaid, his Bond for , that Sum lying in the Treasurers Hands.

10 , That Francis Rawle, who holds the Ferry from this City , to New Jersey, has paid the Sum of £150, for 5 Years Rent , ending 25 March, 1756.

11 , That William Paschall, late Clerk of the Market, paid the , Sum of £85; And at the Time of his Decease there remained , due £21 6 8, Which this Committee are informed his Ad- , ministrators cannot pay at present for want of Assets.

12 , That Sarah Paschall, Widow, who commenced Tenant of , the Eastern Stalls, from 14 October 1751, has held the same , five years & a Quarter, computing to the 11th Instant; the , Rent at £60 p Annum, amounting to £315; Towards which , she has paid the Treasurer £285.

13 , That James Mackey, Collector of the Rent of the Stalls , Westward of the Court House, has paid at several payments , £390 17 4, Which, with £5 p Annum, charged by him for , a man to sweep the Market place and ring the Bell; Sundry , incident Charges amounting to £1 9 2, And his Commis- , sions for Collecting and paying, at 10 p cent, Amounts to , £461 5, the Sum which, by his Accounts, the said Stalls , have produced in 5 years, ending 6th of October last.

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14 , That Samuel Morris, late Sheriff, has paid the Treas^{r}, ex-
, clusive of his Commissions, the Sum of £249 9 1; but not
, having render'd a particular Account of the Fines he had
, received, the Committee are at a Loss to determine how much
, remains due from him.

15 , That James Coultas, now Sheriff, has paid the Treasurer,
, exclusive of his Commissions, £38 8 9, towards fines im-
, posed since his holding that Office.

16 , Upon the Whole, they find that Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r},
, Treasurer to this Corporation, has received since his Appoint-
, ment,

, On Account of Rents, the sum of . . .	£ 1,949	19	10
, On Account of Fines, ...	411	13	8½
, From Joseph Turner, Esq^{r}, on a Lottery Ac-			
, count, ...	16	2	6
, In all	£ 2,377	16	0½

, And that he has paid away, in Salaries to Several Officers,
, the Donation to the Academy, and for other Uses, in pursu-
, ance of the Orders of this Board, the Sum of £1,642 19 7

His Commissions for receiving	£2,377	16	0½	
& for paying	1,642	19	7	
	£4,020	15	7½	
at 5 p Cent, ...				£201 — 9
				£1,844 0 4
, Ballance due to the Corporation on this Acc^{t}				533 15 8½
				£2,377 16 0½

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17 , That the Account of the Monies presented to this Corpora-
, tion, towards building an Exchange or some other publick
, Edifice, is as follows, Viz :

, Presented by James Hamilton, Esq^{r}, October 7, 1746, ...	£150		
by William Attwood, Esq^{r}, October 22^{d}, 1747, ...	60		
by Ditto August 22^{d}, 1749, ...	60		
by Charles Willing, Esq^{r}, Novem^{r} 8, 1749, ...	100		
by Robert Strettell, Esq^{r}, Feb^{ry} 8, 1753, ...	75		
by William Plumsted, Esq^{r}, Feb^{ry} 16, 1753, ...	75		
In all	£520		
, To which is to be added Interest Money paid , to Samuel Hasell, late Treasurer, . . .	50	3	9
, Interest paid to Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r},	159	7	11
	£729	11	8

, Part of which Money having been put out at Interest, the
, Securities now in the Treasurers Hands are these following,
, viz :

, Balter Resar & John Lucken's Bond, dated , 18 Oçtob^{r}, 1746, for	£150	—	–
, Nicholas Power & Michael Helligas's bond, , dated 31 August, 1749, for	81	12	–
Amount carried forward,	£231	12	–

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Amount brought forward,	£231	12	—
, Joseph Waln & James Paul's Bond, dated 8 Novr, 1749, ...	100	—	—
, William Dewees & Christopher Robins, , their Bond, dated 26 July, 1750, . . .	73	11	9
	£405	3	9
, Ballance in the Treasurers Hands belonging to this Stock, except what is to be deducted for his Care & Trouble in putting out Money & Collecting the Interest which is Submitted to ye Determination of the Board,	324	7	11
	£729	11	8

Philadª 12 February, 1757. Signed, John Mifflin
Wm Coleman.

The Board taking Consideration what Allowance the Treasurer should have for his Trouble in putting out the Money presented to this Corporation, as mentioned in the Report, and receiving the Interest, And being inform'd that Samuel Hasell, Esqr, the late Treasurer had no Commissions for transacting that Business, declined making any Allowance to the present Treasurer for the same.

Some Objection being also made to the Charges of five p Cent, for receiving, and five p Cent for paying the other Moneys belonging to this Corporation, as supposing it too great a Reward for those Services; A proposal was made to reduce the Commissions for the Time to come, Which, upon the Question, was carried in the Affirmative. But some Debate arising thereon, the further Consideration thereof was referr'd to the next Common Council.

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The Recorder produced the Draught of an Address to Lord Loudon, drawn pursuant to the Request of this Board, at a late Meeting; which was read and ordered to be ingross'd, being in the following words, viz:

„ To the Right Honorable John, Earl of Loudon, Captain Ge-
„ neral and Commander in Chief of all His Majestys' Forces in
„ America.

" The Address of the Mayor & Commonalty of
" the City of Philadelphia in Common Council as-
" sembled.

" We, the Mayor & Commonalty of the City of Philadelphia,
" beg Leave to congratulate your Lordships Arrival in this City,
" and to take the Opportunity of testifying our deepest Gratitude
" for the paternal Regard and Affection manifested on all Occa-
" sions by our most gracious Sovereign towards these Colonies, more
" especially in the appointing a Nobleman of your Lordships con-
" fess'd Abilities and amiable Qualifications to the chief Command
" in their present distress'd and bleeding State. We sincerely
" pray that it may, in due time, contribute as much to the perfect
" Establishment of their Happiness, as it has already done to the
" raising our Hopes.

" Permit us to assure your Lordship of our Readiness to do every
" thing within the Compass of our Power for promoting so desira-
" ble an End. To this We are called by every Motive that can
" actuate a free and loyal People; A Regard for his Majestys
" Honour, a Zeal for our own inestimable privileges as English-
" men, an Esteem for your Lordships Character, a Consciousness

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"of the Justice of our Cause, and a feeling Concern for our own "Safety, and that of our Posterity.

Signed by Order of the Board,
Attwood Shute, Mayor.

Mr Inglis, Mr Willing & Mr Elliot were requested to go and acquaint his Lordship that the Mayor & Commonalty desired Leave to wait on him when it should be Convenient; Who, upon their Return, inform'd the Board he was pleased to say they might chuse their own Time. The members of the Board then attended his Lordship at his House, and presented the said Address; and his Lordships Answer was to the following Effect:

"Gent.

"I thank you for this affectionate Address: The King has sent "me for no other purpose than to protect & secure his American "Colonies against their Enemies, and I shall spare no pains to "answer his Majesty's Intentions. I expect your Corporation will "do every thing in their Power to promote a Service tending so "much to his Majesty's Honour and their own Safety; And they "may be assured, their Merit on this Occasion shall be faithfully "represented to his Majesty.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 28th Day of May 1757.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- William Plumsted
- John Mifflin
- John Stamper
- Samuel Mifflin

Common Council Men.
- Joshua Maddox
- Alexander Huston
- John Wallace
- William Bingham
- Samuel Rhoads
- Edw Shippen, junr
- Jacob Duche
- Samuel Morris
- William Coleman

The Mayor acquainted the Board that as Benjamin Loxley's Term in the Landing Places and publick Wharffs, formerly let to him, was near expiring, he some Weeks ago had caused an Advertizement to be publish'd to the following Effect, to wit: "Notice "is hereby given that the Public Ground on the South Side of the "Dock, between Front Street and Second Street; the public Wharf "on the North Side of the Said Dock; the Ends of the Dock streets "on the River, and the Landing place between Hamiltons stores "and the Draw-Bridge, were to be lett. The Person who takes "the same, to have the Benefit of the Wharfage and Cording of "Wood thereon, under the Regulations made by the Mayor & "Commonalty; and requesting that any Persons inclined to take "the same would send in their proposals to him on or before the "25th Instant: And that in pursuance of the said Advertizement, several persons had sent in proposals in Writing. The Mayor then produced the said Proposals, and, by Order of the Board, the same were read. But some members of the Board being of Opin-

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ion that if certain Repairs and Improvements which had been proposed were first made, the said Landing-places might be rendered more convenient to the Publick, and probably yield a higher Rent than was off'd at present; It was therefore Resolved, That the Mayor & Recorder, with Alderman Stamper, Samuel Rhoads & Jacob Duche, be a Committee to view the premisses, and Report to the Board at their next Meeting what Repairs or Improvements they may think necessary, with the best Computation they can make of the Charge thereof; And that in the mean Time, the proposals sent in by the several Persons inclined to take the same lie under Consideration.

It being represented that by the Treasurers Accounts, lately settled, it appear'd that a considerable Sum lay in his Hands, arising by the Rents and profits accruing to this Corporation, besides the money presented towards erecting a public Edifice, which the Board had directed should be put out at Interest; and there being now a Security offer'd for a greater Sum than remained of the latter, it was proposed That if the Board had no immediate Use for it, a part of the said Money arising by the Rents, &c., should also be lett out. But there being but a thin Board at present, it was referr'd to further Consideration at the next Common Council.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 12th Day of July 1757.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
William Plumsted
Benja Shoemaker
John Stamper
Samuel Mifflin
} Esquires, Aldermen.
Joseph Sims
John Inglis
George Mifflin
Edward Shippen, junr
Amos Strettell
William Bingham
Thomas Cadwalader
Jacob Duche
Alexander Huston
John Wallace
Samuel Morris
Samuel Rhoads
William Coleman.

The Recorder reported That the Committee appointed at the last Common Council had, agreeable to the Order of the Board, view'd the Landing-place at the Corporation Lot, between Hamilton's Stores and the Draw-Bridge, and consider'd what Repairs or Improvements were proper to be made, and deliver'd the Opinion of the said Committee as follows:

, That a Peer or Wharff of fifty Feet wide to extend Eighty or , one Hundred Feet Eastward, be built near the middle of the said , Landing-place; and that a Slip or Cart Way of Forty five Feet , wide be made between Hamilton's Wharff and the said Peer.

And the Question being put, Whether the said Improvements shall be made agreeable to this Report, it was carried in the Affirmative.

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The Board then taking into Consideration from what Fund the Expence of the said Improvements should be taken; And as the aforesaid Lot or Landing-place is esteem'd to be the property of this Corporation, it was resolved, upon the Question that the Expence of the said Work shall be paid by their Treasurer out of their private Stock; and that the Rents and Profits arising from the said Lot and Improvement be subject only to the Order and Disposition of this Board.

The Mayor, Alderman Stamper, Jacob Duche & Samuel Rhoads were appointed to oversee and get the said Improvements made on the best Terms they can, with power to draw on the Treasurer from Time to Time for money to defray the Expence thereof.

The Magistrates and Assessors of this City having at one of their late Meetings agreed to a Repair of the Draw-Bridge, and in pursuance thereof Workmen by their Order have been employ'd, and the Work nearly compleated; And it being represented that there is not a sufficient Sum in the City Treasurers Hands to defray the Expence thereof; The Question was put Whether this Board will consent that the said Expence be defray'd out of the Surplus of the Wharfage Money now in the Hands of Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r}? It was carried in the Affirmative, and that an order be drawn by the Magistrates for the Payment thereof.

Agreed that the publick Ground on the South Side of the Dock, with the other Articles mentioned in the Advertizement lately publish'd by the Mayor, Except the Landing-place above mentioned, be immediately lett by the Committee above named, in Concurrence with the Assessors.

Great Complaint having been made to this Board that Benjamin Loxley, under Color of hiring the publick Ground, on the South

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Side of the Dock, had taken upon him to erect some Buildings thereon contrary to the Intent of this Board; It is therefore recommended to the above named Committee to see that the said Buildings are taken down and removed.

The Petition of Evan Evans was read, setting forth the necessity there is for repairing and enlarging the Sheds on the West side of Schuylkill, belonging to the Ferry, which he holds by Lease from this Board, for the better Accommodation of the Country People who come down with Teams & Waggons loaded with Hemp, Flour, Wheat, and other Grain that requires Shelter in rainy Weather, and praying the Board to give Order therein as speedily as possible.

The Board having consider'd the premises, did Order that Alderman Samuel Mifflin, Samuel Rhoads, and Samuel Morris, be a Committee to cause Sheds or other Conveniences to be erected, and such of the old ones to be repair'd, as they and the said Ferry-man shall think necessary, provided they do not expend thereon more than the Sum of Sixty Pounds.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 4th Day of October 1757.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqre, Mayor		William Shippen
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder		Septimus Robeson
Robert Strettell	Esquires, Aldermen.	Alexander Houston
William Plumsted		Edwd Shippen, junr
Samuel Mifflin		William Coleman
Thomas Lawrence		Jacob Duche
Alexander Stedman		Samuel Rhoads
William Allen, Esqr		John Wilcocks
Tench Francis, Esqr		Thomas Willing
		Joshua Maddox
Thomas Cadwalader		John Wallace
Amos Strettell		William Bingham
John Redman		John Inglis.

The Magistrates and Assessors of this City having agreed at their late Meeting to cause an Arch to be built across Third Street between the Alms House Lot and the ground late of Richard Brockden, deceased, and to extend twelve Feet into the Alms House Ground; also to regulate Spruce Street over against the Alms House, so as to draw off the Water; provided this Board would consent that the expence thereof should be defrayed out of the Surplus of the Wharfage Money. Which being now proposed to the Board, it was agreed to by a great Majority.

The Board, according to the Directions of their Charter, proceeded to the Choice of a Mayor for the Year ensuing; and Attwood Shute, Esqr, the present Mayor, was unanimously re-elected.

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The Board having agreed to Choose three new Aldermen, the following Gentlemen, to wit, John Wilcocks, Jacob Duche & William Coxe, were elected Aldermen of this City, by a Majority of Votes.

Upon the Question, whether this Board will add to the Number of Common Council Men? it was carried in the affirmative: It was also resolved that the number to be added should be Eight. Whereupon, Henry Harrison, Daniel Benezet, Charles Stedman, William Rush, John Swift, Townsend White, William Vanderspiegel & Joseph Wood, were chosen Common Council Men, by a Majority of Votes.

The Board then deputed four of their Members, to wit, two Aldermen & two Common Council Men, to the Governor, to Acquaint him, that in pursuance of their Charter, the Board had this day elected a Mayor for the Year ensuing, and desires his Honour to appoint a Time for the Boards Attendance, in Order to his being qualified. Which Gentlemen, upon their Return, informed the Board that the Governor was ready to receive them. Whereupon the Board attended the Mayor Elect to the Governor's House, where he took and subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, and also the Oath for the faithful Discharge of his Office.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 28th Day of November 1757.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esq Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Robert Strettell
- John Mifflin
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Mifflin
- Alexander Stedman
- Jacob Duche
- William Coxe

- William Humphreys
- Daniel Benezet
- William Bingham
- Charles Stedman
- Townsend White
- Edw: Shippen, junr
- Thos Cadwalader
- Joseph Sims
- John Swift
- Joseph Wood
- William Rush
- Joseph Morris
- Wm Coleman
- John Redman

It being represented by the Mayor, that divers Inhabitants of this City had spoke to him concerning the Field or Burying Ground commonly called Potter's Field, now in the Tenure of Jacob Shoemaker, intimating, That as a Part of it afforded good Pasturage, and for that as well as other Reasons, was valuable to the Possessor, it might probably yield an annual Rent; Ordered,

that the Mayor, Alderman Stedman, Alderman Coxe, Edward Shippen, junr, and Joseph Morris, be a Committee to examine into the Right of this Corporation to said Field; and likewise to treat with Jacob Shoemaker respecting the Rent he will be willing to give for the Time to come. And as he has had it many Years in possession without paying any Rent, or Acknowledg-

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ment, the said Committee are also desired to press him to make reasonable Compensation for the Time past.

Ordered, That Edward Shippen, jun^{r} & Joseph Morris, apply to Tench Francis, late Recorder, for the City Charter, and all such Deeds, Ordinances, or other Writings, that he may have, belonging to this Corporation, and deliver them to the present Recorder. They are also desired to use their Endeavours to collect any Ordinances of this Board which they may hear of in the Hands of other Persons.

The Board being inform'd that the Term granted to Thomas Bourne in the publick Wharffs, is either expired, or very near it; It is Ordered, That an Advertisement be publish'd in the next Gazette, requesting that any Person who may be desirous of taking the said Wharffs, and executing the Office of Wood Corder thereon, would send in his Proposals to the Mayor within Fourteen Days from the date hereof.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia, the 6th Day of April 1758.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esq, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Benj^{a} Shoemaker
- Robert Strettell
- Alexander Stedman
- Thomas Lawrence
- William Coxe

Septimus Robeson
William Bingham
Charles Stedman
William Rush
Alexander Huston
William Coleman
Tho^{s} Cadwalader
Daniel Benezet
Joseph Sims
Thomas Willing
John Wallace.

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It being represented to the Board that some of the King's Forces lately come to this City and now lodged in the Barracks, are in great Distress, for want of Bedding and other Necessaries, and that the provincial Commissioners appointed for disposing of the Publick Money, had refused to supply them; It was order'd that Alderman Stedman, Alderman Coxe and Thomas Willing be a Committee to inquire into the condition of the said Forces, and whether, if this Board were to contribute a small Sum of Money towards their Relief, it would be of use & acceptable to them.

The Committee appointed at the last Common Council to examine into the Right of this Corporation to the Potters Field and to treat with Jacob Shoemaker concerning it, made their Report in Writing, in the Words following, viz:

, We, the Committee, appointed by the Corporation (agreeable to , the within Minute) do Report That we have conferr'd with Jacob , Shoemaker about taking a Lease of the Burying place called the , potters Field, and making some Compensation for the Time he , has heretofore possess'd it, Whereupon the s^{d} Jacob Shoemaker , produced to us a paper signed by Thomas Griffits, as Mayor of , the City of Philadelphia, dated the 6th February 1729, giving the , s^{d} Jacob Shoemaker Authority to take Possession of the said , Burying place till the Mayor & Commonalty should determine , how it should be disposed of; And as no Terms were then made , about Rent, and he has been at considerable Expence in erecting , Fences and keeping them in Repair, he thinks Nothing ought to , be demanded of him for the Time past; but for the Future, the , said Jacob Shoemaker proposes, with the Leave of the Corpora- , tion, to take a Lease of the Ground for the Term of fifteen years, , at the annual Rent of Ten Pounds, and to oblige himself to keep , the Fences in good Repair, and to deliver it up in good Order, at

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, the End of the Term, and bury the Bodies at least Four Feet and , an half deep in the Ground. As to the Title to the said Ground, , We do report, that the Corporation has a Patent from the Pro- , prietor for the whole Square, containing Five Hundred Feet in , Front and Five Hundred Feet in Depth.

The Board, upon considering that so large a piece of Ground within the City (being about 5¾ Acres) a great part of which is not used for a Burying Ground, might probably yield a higher Rent than the s[d] Jacob Shoemaker had offer'd, did Order that an Advertisement be published in the next Gazette, requesting that those who inclined to take the said Field and burying place at an yearly Rent, would send in their Proposals to the Mayor within fourteen Days from the Date hereof.

Several Persons having sent in Proposals for taking the publick Wharffs, pursuant to an Advertisement published by Order of the Board, about the beginning of December last, and those of Joseph Allen, who offer'd to take them at £90 p. annum, appearing to be most advantageous to the publick, it was the Opinion of the Board that his Offer should be accepted, provided he will give such Security for the Payment of the Rent as the Mayor shall approve of.

The Petition of Margaret Coeburn, praying that a Fine of Five pounds, imposed on her at the last Court of Record, held for this City, for keeping a publick House without Licence, might be remitted, was rejected by the Board.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 29th Day of April 1758.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Joseph Turner
- Robert Strettell
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- John Mifflin
- William Coxe

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robeson
- Isaac Jones
- Daniel Benezet
- William Bingham
- Samuel Rhoads
- Henry Harrison
- Amos Strettell
- Samuel Shoemaker
- John Wallace
- William Coleman
- Thomas Willing

Alderman Coxe, Samuel Rhoads & Henry Harrison were appointed a Committee to confer with Thomas Bourne, concerning the Bargain made with him some Years since for the publick Wharffs, the Lease intended at that Time not having been executed. The said Committee are also desired to view the said Wharffs, and report what Condition they are in, and whether in their Opinion, any repairs ought to be made by the said Bourne in Consequence of his said Agreement.

Joseph Allen attending at the Door and requesting to be heard, was called in; Whereupon he represented to the Board that he had been deceived in respect to the Income of the publick Wharffs, which occasioned his offering so large a Rent as £90, and therefore craved the Board would be pleased to make him some Abatement. The Board, upon hearing the Reasons offer'd by the said

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Joseph Allen, and reconsidering the Matter, did agree that he should have the said Wharffs for one Year, commencing from the 17th Instant at the Rate of £68, He to deliver them up at the End of the Term, in as good Order as he receives them, to which he consented. He was therefore directed to get a Lease drawn accordingly, and is to give such Security for the payment of the Rent as the Mayor shall approve of.

It being represented that of the Regulators of the Streets heretofore appointed, no more remained than Samuel Rhoads, Joseph Fox and Nicholas Scull, which not being thought a sufficient Number, the Board agreed to add Philip Syng, Hugh Roberts, Jacob Lewis and John Palmer; Any three of whom, together with the Mayor and Recorder, or either of them, and three of the Aldermen for the Time being, to make a Quorum, for regulating the Streets and Water Courses of this City.

The Proposals delivered to the Mayor, relating to the Potters Field being taken into Considertion, It was put to the Vote, Whether this Board will grant a Lease for the said Field to Jacob Shoemaker for the Term of seven Years, commencing from the 28th Day of November last, at the Rate of Ten Pounds p annum? Which was carried in the Affirmative. The said Jacob Shoemaker having also engaged to pay the Sum of Ten Pounds as Some Compensation for the Time he has heretofore possessed the said Field; It is order'd that he pay the same upon executing the sd Lease.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 27th Day of May, 1758.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen:
Benjamin Shoemaker
Joseph Turner
John Mifflin
Thos Lawrence
William Coxe
Jacob Duche
Samuel Mifflin
Alexander Stedman
John Stamper
William Plumsted

Common Council Men:
Septimus Robeson
Alexander Huston
Thos Cadwalader
Isaac Jones
Saml Shoemaker
Edward Shippen, junr
Henry Harrison
William Rush
Joseph Wood
William Humphreys
Thomas Willing
Townsend White
William Coleman
Amos Strettell
John Redman
William Bingham

William Coleman, Town Clerk and Clerk of the Common Council, now resigning those Offices, the board proceeded to choose another to supply his Place, and Edward Shippen, junr, Esqr, was elected to those Offices by a Majority of Votes.

The Petition of Elizabeth Evans was read, setting forth, That her husband, Evan Evans, late Lessee of the Ferry at Schuylkill, being deceased, She thought herself not Capable of managing the said Ferry, and therefore prayed the Corporation to provide themselves with a new Tenant.

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Ordered, That an Advertisement be published in the Gazette, requesting that such Persons who may be inclined to take the said Ferry, would send in their Proposals, sealed up, to the Mayor, on or before the Tenth Day of June next.

Alderman Samuel Mifflin, Henry Harrison and Samuel Rhoads are appointed a Committee to inspect the Lease, view the Premisses, and report to the Board what Condition the Boats, &c., are in, and whether any Improvements have been made by the said Evan Evans for which the Board ought to make Allowance in the Settlement of his Account.

Alderman Coxe, Samuel Rhoads and Henry Harrison being appointed a Committee at the last Common Council to view the publick Wharffs, and see what Repairs were necessary;—And also to confer with Thomas Bourne, concerning the Bargain made with him sometime ago relating thereto, now Report, That they view'd the said Wharffs, and find that the Wharffs at Sassafrax Street, Chesnut Street and Spruce Street, want two Loggs each, and that all the Docks want cleaning out; And that the said Bourne in Excuse for himself, inform'd them, He understood his keeping the Wharffs in Repair was mentioned only in Terrorem, and not intended to compel him to more than seeing the said Wharffs were not abused.

Order'd, That the same Committee be continued, and that they cause the said Wharffs to be repair'd and put in good order, the Wharff at Chesnut Street to be carried out as much further than it now is, as they shall judge necessary. They are also desired to take Care that a Lease be drawn and executed to Joseph Allen, the present Tenant, pursuant to the Terms of his Agreement with this Board.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia, the 14th Day of June 1758.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Aldermen.
- William Plumsted
- Alexander Stedman
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Mifflin

Common Council Men.
- William Coleman
- Thomas Cadwalader
- Phineas Bond
- Samuel Rhoads
- Joseph Wood
- William Rush
- Daniel Benezet
- Septimus Robinson
- John Swift
- Edward Shippen, junr

Several Persons having sent in Proposals to the Mayor for taking a Lease of the Middle Ferry at Schuylkill, And Joshua Byrne offering the highest Rent, to wit: Two Hundred Pounds p. ann, on a Lease of four Years; Alderman Samuel Mifflin, Samuel Rhoads & Henry Harrison, are appointed to enquire into the Character & Circumstances of sd Joshua Byrne, And if they find he is a fit Person, and can give Security for the Payment of the Rent, they are to inform him That the Board agrees to let him have the Ferry upon the Terms he proposes, he paying the Widow Evans for the Improvements made or purchased by her late Husband.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 30th Day of September, 1758.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Aldermen.
- Anthony Morris, Esq
- Joseph Turner, Esq
- Robert Strettle, Esq
- John Mifflin, Esq
- William Coxe, Esq

Common Council Men.
- William Coleman
- Septimus Robeson
- Samuel Morris
- Daniel Benezet
- Samuel Mickle
- Joseph Wood
- Henry Harrison
- Samuel Rhoads
- William Bingham
- William Rush
- Townshend White
- Edward Shippen, jr

It being represented by the Mayor, that William Clark, the Person who some time ago agreed to take a Lease of the public Wharffs & public Ground near the Draw Bridge, is dead, And that the Widow of said Clark had given Notice that she did not propose to hold the same any longer. It is therefore resolved that Attwood Shute, Esq., Benjamin Chew, Esqr., Alderman Stamper, Alderman Duchee and Samuel Rhoads, or any three of them, be a Committee to settle with the said Widow Clark, and also with the Wood Corders who have received the profits of said Ground and Wharffs since the said Widow Clark gave the aforesaid Notice. And that the Mayor publish Advertisements for Letting the same as usual.

The Lease of the Stalls to the Eastward of the Court House to the Widow Paschall, being expired, And she petitioning this Board

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for a Renewal of her Lease, It is ordered That the Same Gentlemen be a Committee to inspect the Condition of the said stalls, and to report whether the said Widow Paschall hath complied with the terms of her Lease. And the same Committee are appointed to enquire whether it is necessary for the Accommodation of the Country People and Butchers to encrease the Number of Stalls both to the Eastward and Westward of the Court House, and what is the best Method of doing the same. That in the mean time the said Widow Paschall continue to hold the aforesaid stalls on the same terms she hath hitherto done, until this Board come to some other Determination relating thereto.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 3d Day of October 1758.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esq, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq
- Robert Strettle, Esq
- Joseph Turner, Esq
- John Mifflin, Esq
- John Stamper, Esq
- William Coxe, Esq
- Edward Shippen, Esq

Common Council Men.
- William Coleman
- Thomas Bond
- Thomas Willing
- Townshend White
- William Humphries
- Samuel Shoemaker
- William Rush
- Phineas Bond
- Septimus Robeson
- William Bingham
- Daniel Benezett
- Alexander Houston
- Edw Shippen, junr
- John Redman

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The Board proceeded, according to their Charter, to the Election of a New Mayor, And Alderman John Mifflin was accordingly chosen Mayor of this City for the ensuing Year by a Majority of Votes.— Whereupon said Alderman Mifflin informed the Board that it was greatly inconvenient for him to serve as Mayor this Year, and desired his Refusal might be entered.

It being put to the Vote how much said John Mifflin should be fined for refusing to serve the Office of Mayor, it was carried by a Majority that he should be fined in the Sum of Forty Pounds.

The Board again proceeded to the Choice of a new Mayor, And Alexander Stedman, Esq^{r}, was elected the Mayor of this City for the ensuing Year by a Majority of Votes.

Alderman Stedman being out of town, It is ordered That a Copy of the last Minute, under the Corporation Seal, be sent to him by Express; And he be desired by a Line from the Clerk, to give his Attendance in town, to be presented to the Governor, and to take the Qualifications.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 4th day of October 1758.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esq, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq, Recordr
Aldermen.
Robert Strettle, Esqr
Renjamin Shoemaker, Esqr
Joseph Turner, Esqr
Edward Shippen, Esqr
John Mifflin, Esqr
Jacob Duchee, Esqr
William Coxe, Esqr

Common Council Men.
Phineas Bond
John Swift
Joseph Wood
Thomas Willing
William Humphries
Joseph Sims
Andrew Elliott
Septimus Robeson
Daniel Benezett
William Rush
Samuel McCall, jr
Edwd Shippen, jr
Charles Stedman
Townshend White

The Express being returned that was sent to Alderman Stedman, with the Copy of the Minute of Yesterday, informing him of his being elected Mayor of this City; And the said Alderman Stedman having informed the Board by Letter, that he could not, this year, conveniently accept the Mayoralty: the Board proceeded to impose a Fine on said Alderman Stedman for refusing to serve the said Office, which Fine, by a majority of Votes, was agreed to be Forty Pounds.

The Board then proceeded to another Election, And Alderman William Coxe was chosen Mayor of this City by a Majority of Votes.

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Two Aldermen and two Common Council men were appointed to go to the Governor, to know at what Time it would be most agreeable to him that this Board should wait upon him to present their new Mayor.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 15th day of October 1758.

Present

Attwood Shute, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Joseph Turner
- Robert Strettell
- Benja Shoemaker
- John Mifflin
- Thomas Lawrence
- William Plumsted

Common Council Men.
- William Coleman
- Townshend White
- William Bush
- Daniel Benezett
- William Humphries
- Samuel McCall, junr
- Thomas Willing
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Joseph Wood
- Charles Stedman
- Edward Shippen, jr

The Recorder informed the Board that Alderman Coxe, the Mayor elect, had been taken very sick; That he had been this Morning at said Aldermen Coxe's House, and had been told by him that he was utterly unable to wait upon the Governor to take the Qualifications, or to execute the said Office for the present Year, and that he requested the Board would elect some other Person to serve in his Room; The Board taking the same into Consideration, came to the Resolution to excuse said Alderman Coxe, on account

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of his Indisposition, from the Service of the Office of Mayor for the present Year: And proceeded to another Election,

And Alderman Thomas Lawrence was unanimously chosen Mayor of this City for the ensuing Year.

The Gentlemen appointed yesterday to wait on the Governor, reporting that his Honour would be ready to receive this Board at Eleven o'Clock to-day; The Board accordingly attended the Mayor elect to the Governor's House, where he took and subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, And also the Oath for the faithful Execution of his Office.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 24th Day of October 1758.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Robert Strettell
- Samuel Mifflin
- John Stamper
- William Plumsted

Common Council Men.
- William Coleman
- William Humphries
- Henry Harrison
- Thomas Willing
- Septimus Robeson
- Samuel Rhoads
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Charles Stedman
- Daniel Benezett
- Joseph Wood
- W^{m} Bingham
- William Rush
- Edward Shippen, jun^{r}

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The Mayor having delivered to the Board divers Proposals sent to him agreeable to the Advertisement for leasing the publick Ground and Wharffs near the Drawbridge; And the Board taking the same into Consideration, unanimously agreed to let the said Ground & Wharffs to Thomas James, who in his Proposals offers the Sum of Sixty Pounds p. annum Rent. And Alderman Plumsted, Alderman Stamper & Samuel Rhoads, are appointed a Committee to see that a Lease be executed to said Thomas James for the same. And the same Committee are empowered, with the Concurrence of the City Assessors, to make such Repairs & Improvements on the Premisses as shall appear to them to be necessary, Provided there is sufficient Wharff Money in the Treasurer's Hands to defray the Expence, exclusive of the Rent arising from the Peer carried out at the Expence of this Board: It is also ordered that there be a Distinction made in the Lease to Thomas James, between the Sum to be paid for the Rent of the said Peer, and the Sum to be paid for the Rent of the other Part of the leased Premisses.

Elizabeth Evans having sent in a Petition for a further Allowance for the sheds erected by her late Husband on the West side of the Schuylkill Ferry, beyond the Sum of Sixty Pounds, which she understood this Board proposed to allow her; The Board upon considering the same, appointed Samuel Rhoads, Henry Harrison & William Rush, a Committee to view and value the said Work, & make their Report to this Board for their further Consideration.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 27th Day of November 1758.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
Benjamin Shoemaker, Esqr } Aldermen.
John Stamper, Esqr
William Coxe, Esqr
Samuel Mifflin, Esqr

Henry Harrison } Common Council Men.
Townshend White
Samuel Shoemaker
John Swift

Joshua Emlen } Common Council Men.
William Rush
Joseph Wood
Joseph Morris
Joseph Sims
John Redman
Wm Bingham
Daniel Benezett
Thomas Bond
Samuel Morris
Edward Shippen, junr
Phineas Bond

A Petition from Joshua Byrne was read, setting forth that the Doors, Windows and Pump, belonging to the House at the Middle Ferry, were broke and much out of Order, & praying this Board to repair the same. It is resolved that Henry Harrison, Samuel Rhoades & William Rush, be a Committee to get the necessary Repairs done, except mending the Windows, which it is the Opinion of this Board should be done by the Person who was Tenant at the time of breaking them.

It being represented to this Board by Alderman Shoemaker, That James Mackey, the Clerk of the Market, having been served by him with a former Order of this Board, forbidding the said Clerk to suffer any new Stalls to be erected without the consent of the Mayor, Recorder, and the said Alderman Shoemaker, or any two

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of them, had treated the said Alderman with great Insolence, alleged that he had the Mayors Permission for what he did, and declared he would not regard what was said to him by s[d] Alderman Shoemaker, relating to his Conduct therein. This Matter having been considered by the Board, who from time to time have received Complaints against the said Mackey, and admonished him frequently without Effect, They do recommend it to the Mayor to remove the said James Mackey from his Office, and appoint another in his Room.

Mary Ann Campbell, praying this Board, by Petition, to remit a Fine imposed on her in the Mayor's Court, for a criminal Offence, It is ordered that the said Fine be remitted on Condition That the said Mary Ann Campbell ship herself off from this Province, and do not return to it again.

Mary Wood, likewise petitioning the Board for a Remission of a fine imposed on her, It is ordered that it be remitted on Condition That she depart the Province and not return again.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 4th Day of December 1758.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr Mayr		Henry Harrison	Common Council Men.
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr		Joshua Maddox	
William Allen, Esqr	Aldermen.	Thomas Willing	
William Plumsted, Esqr		William Coleman	
Alexander Stedman, Esqr		John Swift	
Robert Strettell, Esqr		Townshend White	
Jacob Duche, Esqr		John Redman	
		William Rush	
		Daniel Benezet	
		Samuel Rhoads	
		Edwd Shippen, jr	

It being represented to the Board That several Persons, who have been a considerable Time prisoners among the French, at Canada, are come to this town, on their Way to their several Homes, And being destitute of every thing necessary to support them on their Journey. Many of them living at a great Distance from hence, It was proposed That this Board should contribute something for their Relief. And the same being taken into Consideration, It is Ordered That the Sum of Twenty Shillings be paid to each of them who reside in Virginia, Fifteen Shillings to each of those who reside in Conegocheeg, And Ten Shillings to each of those who reside in Lancaster, And that such other Relief should be administered to them as the Mayor shall think necessary upon examining their Circumstances.

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Nathaniel Allen petitioning this Board to be appointed the Officer for Sizing and sealing Measures in this City, He is accordingly appointed.

John Mifflin, William Coleman, and Amos Strettel are appointed a Committee to settle the Treasurers Accounts.

The Mayor, Alderman Shoemaker & Henry Harrison are desired by the Board to draw up a Sett of Instructions for the Clerk of the Markett.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 28th day of May 1750.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayr
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- William Plumsted
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Jacob Duchee
- John Stamper
- Samuel Mifflin

Common Council Men.
- Henry Harrison
- William Coleman
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Joseph Wood
- Willm Bingham

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Common Council Men.
- John Redman
- Phineas Bond
- Daniel Benezett
- John Swift
- Alex Houston
- Joseph Sims
- Saml Mickell
- Saml Morris
- Townshend White
- Edwd Shippen junr
- Saml Rhoads
- Joseph Morris
- Willm Rush

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The Recorder informed the Board, That Mr. John Relfe and Lieutenant Clark were some years ago indicted in the Mayors Court, and convicted of having given and accepted a Challenge, For which Offence they were fined the Sum of Twenty Pounds each; That John Relfe having paid his Fine had complained That no steps had been yet taken to compell Lieut. Clark to do the like. Wherefore the Recorder recommended it to the Board to consider Whether the said Clark's Fine should be exacted, or Both the Fines remitted. The Board directs the Clerk to inspect the Records of the Mayors Court, and inform them at their next Meeting who is the Security for the Payment of said Clark's Fine.

Henry Harrison having delivered in an Acco^{t} for Materials found and Labour done in cleaning and repairing Arch Street and Chesnut Street Wharffs, amounting to Forty-one pounds three Shillings & Six pence, The same is allowed by the Board.

The Committee formerly appointed to view and value the work done at the Middle Ferry, by Evan Evans, Report, That in their Opinion the same must have cost Ninety Pounds, Whereupon the Board agree to allow the Widow Evans Thirty pounds over and above the Sixty Pounds formerly allowed for the same.

The Committee appointed to Settle with Widow Clark concerning the Rent Due from her late Husband, Will^{m} Clark, for the Dock and blue Anchor Landings, Do report That they have examined the Acco^{ts} of the said William Clark, And find that all the Profits made by the said Clark during the time he held the said Landings, amounted to no more than £69 8 4, which is but £3 3 4 more than the Rent agreed to be paid, Which being a very small Sum for his Years Labour, The Committee are of Opinion it would be proper to make the widow of said Clark some Abatement in the Rent.

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The Board, taking the same into Consideration, agree to abate so much of the Rent now arising from the said Landings. So that the said Clarks Acco^{t} stands thus,

Dr. To a Years rent of the Dock Landing	£40	0	0	
To Rent for the blue Anchor Landing from 23^{d} October to 23^{d} July, 1758,	26	0	0	
	£66	5	0	
Cr. By Cash expended by Order of the Committee, for Earth & Levelling	£28	19	1	
By the Abatement now made . . .	13	15	0	
Ballance due from the Estate of William Clark	26	10	11	
	£66	5	0	

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 2^{d} day of June, 1759.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder
Benjamin Shoemaker
Robert Strettle
John Stamper
William Coxe
} Esquires, Aldermen.

William Coleman
Henry Harrison
William Bingham
William Rush
Alexander Houston
Daniel Benezet
Joshua Emlen
Joseph Wood
Samuel Rhoads
Edward Shippen jun^{r}
} Common Council Men.

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The Board, on considering the matter proposed by the Recorder at the last Meeting respecting Lieutenant Clark's Fine, Resolve to Suffer the Matter to remain in its present State for some time, And do direct That whenever Lieutenant Clark shall come to this Town, the proper Steps be taken to recover his Fine.

The Board having taken into Consideration a Proposal formerly made for the encreasing the Number of Stalls in the Markett, And being of Opinion That the same would greatly tend to the Accomodation of the Country people and the Butchers, as well as be of General Utility to the Inhabitants of this City, They do appoint Aldermen Stamper, Henry Harrison, William Bingham and William Rush a Committee to provide Materials and Agree with workmen to erect a Number of Stalls at the West End of those already erected to the Westward of the Court House, to extend as far as third Street; And the Committee are requested to get the same compleated as soon as possible, For their trouble in which, this Board will make them a reasonable Allowance. The same Committee are impowered to draw Orders upon the Treasurer from time to time for Money to defray the Expence of building said Stalls.

The Petition of Sarah Lewis, praying the Board to remit a Fine of Five pounds imposed on her in the Mayor's Court for keeping a disorderly publick House, being read, is rejected.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 5th day of July, 1759.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayr
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Aldermen.
- Benja Shoemaker, Esqr
- John Stamper, Esqr
- Jacob Duchee, Esqr
- William Coxe, Esqr
- Samr Mifflin, Esqr

Common Council Men.
- William Shippen
- John Redman
- Daniel Benezet
- Samr Shoemaker
- Alexandr Houston

Common Council Men.
- Willm Bingham
- Henry Harrison
- Samuel Rhoads
- Samuel Mickle
- Charles Stedman
- Edwd Shippen, junr
- William Rush
- William Logan
- William Coleman
- Townshend White
- Andrew Elliott
- John Wallace
- John Swift

Divers Persons having petitioned the Mayor to be appointed to the Office of Clerk of the Markett in the Room of James Mackey, deceased, And the Mayor expressing his Desire That this Board, would recommend such one of the Petitioners as they should think the most proper to execute said Office; And the Sense of the Board having been collected by Ballot, the Majority do agree to recommend Samuel Garrigues, And he is accordingly appointed by the Mayor, Clerk of the Markett.

The Mayor is desired by the Board to publish an Advertisement in the Gazette for such Persons as incline to take a Lease of the public Wharffs to send in their Proposals.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 16th day of August, 1759.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayr
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Benjamin Shoemaker,
- William Plumsted
- William Coxe
- John Stamper
- Samuel Mifflin

Common Council Men.
- William Coleman
- Thomas Bond
- Henry Harrison
- William Bingham
- Samuel Rhoads
- William Rush
- Thomas Willing
- Joseph Wood
- Alexander Houston
- Edward Shippen, junr

The Mayor having delivered to the Board the proposals sent in for taking the publick Wharffs; And John Knees offering the highest Rent, to wit, £70 p annum, on a Lease for five Years, (the Board keeping them in Repair,) It is concluded That the said John Knees shall have the said Wharffs on the Terms he proposes, provided he give sufficient Security for the Payment of the Rent & Performance of the Covenants. And Alderman Coxe, Henry Harrison & Samuel Rhoads are appointed a Committee to see that the Security be given, And a Lease executed.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 11th day of September, 1759.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayr
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr
Benjn Shoemaker
Samuel Mifflin
John Stamper
} Esquires, Aldermen.

Saml Rhoads
William Coleman
Alexander Houston
Joseph Wood
Willm Bingham
John Wallace
William Rush
Henry Harrison
Edwd Shippen, junr
Daniel Benezet
} Common Council Men.

The Mayor informing the Board That the Collector of the Provincial Tax had demanded of him the Tax laid on the Estate of this Corporation, rated at £476 — Which appearing to be a Sum higher than the Income of this Board, The Mayor and Alderman Shoemaker, the Treasurer, are desired to attend the Commissioners & Assessors, & lay an Account of such Income before them, and endeavour to procure an Abatement: And Whatever sum shall be fixt as the Tax to be paid by this Board, The Mayor is desired to draw an Order on the Treasurer for the same.

The Board, understanding that the Wardens of the City were attending to make some Proposal to them, It is ordered that they be desired to walk in: And they now attending, Do propose That as this Board are erecting new Stalls to the Westward of the Court House, and a place is much wanted for storing Oyl for the Use of the City Lamps, It would be very convenient for them, if the Board

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would order a Vault to be built under the Meal Market for that purpose. The Board taking the same into Consideration, But there being but a thin Board, do conclude to defer the Determination of it till to morrow, And the Mayor is desired to convene the Board for that purpose.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 12th day of September, 1759.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
Benjamin Shoemaker, Esqr } Aldermen.
Samuel Mifflin, Esqr
Robert Strettle, Esqr
John Stamper, Esqr

William Coleman } Common Council Men.
Daniel Benezet
Henry Harrison
Samuel Shoemaker
William Bingham
William Rush
John Wallace
Townshend White
Alexander Houston
Edwd Shippen, junr
Saml Rhoads

Ann Hindmore petitioning the Board That a Fine of three pounds imposed upon her in the Mayors Court on a Conviction for Felony, may be remitted, she being very poor and unable to pay the same— The Board agree to remit her Fine on Condition she depart the Province And do not return again.

The Board, resuming the Consideration of the Proposal made yesterday by the City Wardens, And four of the Inhabitants living

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near the Place where the Vault is proposed to be built, attending, and representing to the Board that the same would become a nusance by the Smell of the Oyl; The Board, after some Debate, proceeded to a Vote whether a Vault should be built under the Meal Market or not, which was carried in the Affirmative. But whether the said Vault shall be made use of by the Wardens for the purpose they desire, or let out by this Board for some other public use, is referred to the Consideration of the Board at some future time.

It being afterward put to the Vote whether the said Vault should be built under the whole Meal Market, carried in the Negative.

It being then put to the Vote, whether the said Vault should be built under one half of the Meal Market, carried in the Negative.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 2d Day of October, 1759.

Present

Thos Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benj Chew, Esqr Recorder

Aldermen.
- Benja Shoemaker Esqr
- Robert Strettle, Esqr
- Willm Allen, Esqr
- Saml Mifflin, Esqr
- Willm Coxe, Esqr
- John Stamper, Esqr

Common Council Men.
- William Coleman
- Saml Mickle
- Thomas Willing
- Saml Shoemaker

Common Council Men.
- Alexander Houston
- Townshend White
- Andrew Elliot
- John Wallace
- Daniel Benezet
- Thos Cadwalader
- Willm Humphries
- Joseph Wood
- Septimus Robeson
- William Logan
- William Rush
- Willm Bingham
- Edwd Shippen, junr

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The Board proceeded, agreeable to their Charter, to the Election of a new Mayor, When John Stamper, Esq^r, was chosen to the said Office by a Majority of Votes.

The Board considering that there was a necessity for two new Aldermen, proceeded to an Election, And Thomas Willing and Daniel Benezet were chosen by a Majority of Votes.

Three Members of the Board were appointed to wait upon the Governor to acquaint him That in pursuance of their Charter the Board had this Day elected a Mayor for the ensuing Year, And to know when it would be agreeable to his Honour, that he should be presented in order to take the Qualifications; Which Members, upon their Return, informed the Board the Governor was ready to receive them. Whereupon the Board attended the Mayor Elect to the Gov'^rs House, where he took and subscribed the usual Qualifications, and that for the faithful Discharge of his Office.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia the 27th Day of November 1759.

Present

John Stamper, Esqr, Mayor		William Humphries	Common Council Men.
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recr		Thomas Willing	
Benjamin Shoemaker	Esqrs, Aldermen.	Samuel Rhoads	
Alexander Stedman		John Redman	
William Plumsted		Samuel Mickle	
Jacob Duchee		William Rush	
Danl Benezet		John Swift	
		Towshend White	
Joseph Morris	Common Council Men.	Joseph Sims	
Alexr Houston		John Wallace	
Samuel Morris		Edwd Shippen, junr	
William Bingham		Henry Harrison	

The Mayor delivered to the Board a Letter from Richard Peters, Esqr, Secretary of the Province, in the following Words—vizt, "Sir, I have it in Command from the Proprietaries before I close "with Mr. Brown for a Lease of the Island opposite to the City, to "acquaint the Corporation with it. It is surmised that the carry- "ing out Wharffs there, as well as other things, which may be done "by the Lessee, may be injurious to the Navigation of the River, "especially if the Island continues to grow as it has done of late. "You will be pleased to communicate this to the Common Council, "who, I understand, is to meet to day, and desire it may be taken "into immediate Consideration, that proper Clauses may be insert- "ed in the Lease now applied for, to prevent any Injury being done

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"to the Navigation of the River or to the Port. I am Sir, Your
"most obedient humble Servant, Richard Peters.
"To John Stamper, Esq^{r}, Mayor of the
"City, 26 Nov^{r} 1759."

The Board, on Consideration, unanimously resolved That the Secretary be desired to get the proper Clauses inserted in any Lease he may make of the Island opposite to this City, to prevent the erecting any Wharves on the Western Side of it, or doing any act that may tend to injure the Navigation, or obstruct or change the Course of the Channel of the River.

The Lease of the Landing and publick Wharf near the Drawbridge being expired, The Mayor is desired to publish an Advertisement for those who incline to take a Lease of the Same to send in their Proposals to him.

The Recorder proposed that an Address be prepared to the Honourable James Hamilton, Esq^{r}, our new Governor, on his Appointment to this Government, and Arrival in the Province, Which was unanimously agreed to by the Board: And the Recorder, Aldermen Stedman, Thomas Cadwallader, and Edward Shippen, jun^{r}, are appointed a Committee to prepare a Draft of such Address, to be laid before this Board at their next meeting.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 1st Day of December 1759.

Present

John Stamper, Esq, Mayor	William Coleman
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr	Willm Humphries
Benjamin Shoemaker	Townshend White
Robert Strettle	Saml Shoemaker
William Allen	William Bingham
Abraham Taylor	Joseph Wood
William Plumsted	Edward Shippen, junr
Anthony Morris	Samuel Mickle
Alexander Stedman	Joseph Sims
William Coxe	Thomas Willing
Daniel Benezet	Henry Harrison
	Samuel Austin
	William Rush
	Samuel Morris

Esquires, Aldermen. — Common Council Men.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Draft of an Address to our new Governor, laid the same Before the Board for their Consideration, And after some Amendments were made, It was approved of: And a Committee appointed to wait on the Governor to know when & where it would be agreeable to his Honour That this Board should attend him.

It being proposed that an Entertainment be provided for his Honour, the Governor, at the Expence of this Board, the same was agreed to; and Alderman Plumsted, Thomas Willing & William Bingham, were desired to prepare the said Entertainment at the Lodge on thursday next, And invite the members of Assembly and such other Gentlemen as they should think fit.

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The Gentlemen who went on a Message to the Governor returned, and acquainted the Board that he was ready to receive them at the House of William Allen, Esquire. Whereupon the Board went in a Body to wait upon him; and the Address was delivered by the Recorder, and then presented to his Honour, In the following Words, to wit,

"To the Honourable James Hamilton, Esquire, Lieutenant
"Governor & Commander in Chief of the Province of
"Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent &
"Sussex, on Delaware.

"The Address of the Mayor & Commonalty
"of the City of Philadelphia.

"May it please your Honour,

"We, the Mayor & Commonalty of the City of Philadel-
"phia, do most sincerely congratulate you on your appointment to
"this Government, and safe Arrival among us.

"We esteem it a peculiar Happiness to the People of this
"Province, that the Government of it is committed to a Gentleman
"who has heretofore presided in that Station with the strictest
"Honour and Integrity.

"The Experience we have had of your abilities, your steady
"Attachment to the principles of real Liberty, and your known Ab-
"horrence of every Species of Venality and Corruption cannot but
"give the highest Pleasure and Satisfaction to all those who are
"true Friends to the Interest of this Colony.

"These Considerations excite us with grateful Hearts to ac-
"knowledge His Majesty's Paternal Regard in approving the Choice
"made by our Honourable Proprietaries, who, by this Appointment,

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"have fully evidenced their Attention to our Welfare, and the Se-
"curity of our Rights, civil and religious.

"We sincerely hope your Honour's Administration may be
"easy and agreable to you; and rest fully assured that the Privi-
"ledges granted to the Corporation of this City, by that great Pa-
"tron of Liberty, our first worthy Proprietor, will be effectually
"preserved."

To which His Honour was pleased to make the following Answer:

"Gentlemen,

"I am extremely obliged to you for you affectionate Ad-
"dress. The favourable Sentiments therein expressed of me, and
"of my former Administration, give me the greatest Pleasure and
"Satisfaction.

"You may not only rely on my protecting the Corporation
"in the Privileges granted to them by the Proprietary Charter, but
"on my hearty Concurrence with you, for whom I have a very
"great Regard, in any Measures, whereby the Honour or Interest
"of this City may be advanced."

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia the 3d Day of January 1760.

Present

John Stamper, Esqr, Mayor
Benja Chew, Esqr, Recorder
Benja Shoemaker
Thomas Lawrence
William Coxe
Jacob Duchee
Danl Benezet
} Esquires, Aldermen.

William Coleman
Alexander Houston
John Swift
Saml Shoemaker
Edwd Shippen, jr
Samuel Mickle
Henry Harrison
Samuel Rhoads
William Rush
Willm Bingham
Townshend White
Joshua Emlen
} Common Council Men.

The Mayor laid before the Board the Proposals of Several Persons who incline to take a Lease of the Public Wharff and Ground near the Drawbridge; And the Majority of the Board thinking Thomas Overend to be the properest person, It is agreed that he shall have a Lease of the said Ground and Wharff at the rate of Sixty pounds p annum, He taking a Qualification to conform to such Regulations as shall be made from time to time by this Board, and giving Security for the Payment of the Rent and performance of the Covenants. And the Mayor and Samuel Rhoads are appointed a Committee to see that a Lease be executed; And to get the Wharff cleaned out, And are impowred to draw Orders on the Treasurer for Money to defray the Charge of doing the same.

Alderman Coxe proposed that as there has lately appeared a necessity of putting into Execution some of the Ordinances of the

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Corporation, particularly the last made relating to the Cording of Wood brought for Sale into this City, And as the City Ordinances are dispersed among several of the members of the Corporation, a Committee be appointed to collect and lay them before this Board. Whereupon the Recorder, Alderman Coxe, and Edw[d] Shippen, jun[r], are appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Alderman Benezet, William Coleman and Henry Harrison, are appointed a Committee to Settle the Treasurer's Accounts.

A Motion being made to settle the Quantum of Commissions to be allowed to the Treasurer for paying and receiving the Monies belonging to this Corporation, It is agreed to refer the settling the same to a fuller Board.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 27[th] Day of May 1760.

Present

John Stamper, Esq[r], Mayor
Benj[a] Chew, Esq[r], Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Sam[l] Mifflin
- Jacob Duchee
- Dan[l] Benezet

Common Council Men.
- Phineas Bond
- Henry Harrison
- Will[m] Bingham

Common Council Men.
- John Redman
- Septimus Robeson
- Tho[s] Cadwalader
- Joseph Wood
- Samuel Morris
- Joseph Sims
- John Wallace
- Alexander Houston
- William Rush
- Townshend White
- Samuel Mickle

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On the Petition of Samuel Austin, setting forth That he had erected a commodious Building near Arch Street Wharff for the Reception and Entertainment of Market People, & others coming from the Jersey Shore to this City, and was about making a Slip for the more Convenient Landing of passengers & their Horses, And praying this Board to grant him the Licence to keep a public Ferry at the place afs^{d}, for the transporting passengers from this City to New Jersey, under such terms & Yearly Rent as should seem reasonable to this Board; It is considered by the Board That the Number of people crossing Delaware River, to and from this City, having of late much encreased, the erecting another Ferry may tend to the Ease and Convenience of such People. They do therefore grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, He paying a Yearly Rent of Thirty Pounds to this Corporation, and performing such covenants as shall be thought reasonable and proper, to be inserted in his Lease; And Henry Harrison, Daniel Benezet and Alexander Houston, are appointed a Committee to see that such a Lease be drawn and executed to the Petitioner for the term of three years.

Henry Rawlins petitioning for the Remission of a Fine of Seventeen pounds, passed on him by the Mayor's Court for a Conviction of Felony, he being unable to pay the same, and having suffered a long Imprisonment; It is ordered by the Board that the Sheriff discharge the Petitioner from his Imprisonment on Account of the said Fine, On his giving Bond for the same, and departing from this Province to some Place beyond Sea.

George Ogilby, Alexander Henry, and Thomas Marks, having severally petitioned this Board to remit certain Fines imposed on them by the Mayor's Court — The Board do accordingly remit the same, On Condition That They inlist in some Regiment of regular Troops in his Majesty's Service.

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Henry Flower Petitioning the Board to remit two Fines of One hundred Pounds & fifty Pounds, imposed on him by the Mayor's Court. The Board having Considered the Circumstances of the Petitioner and the Nature of his Offences, Do agree That there appears no Reason for granting the Prayer of the Petitioner.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 16th Day of September 1760.

Present

John Stamper, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
Benjamin Shoemaker, Thomas Lawrence, Daniel Benezet } Esqrs, Aldermen.

William Coleman
Septimus Robeson
Samuel Rhoads
Henry Harrison
William Humphries
Alexander Houston
Saml Shoemaker
John Wallace
William Rush
Edward Shippen, jr
William Bingham
} Common Council Men.

The Committee appointed by the Board to inspect and settle the several Accots depending with this Corporation, having stated the same to the 11th of February last, reported as follows, viz:

1. That the debts due from Thomas Griffitts, Esqr, at the time of his Decease, & also those due from Nicholas Scull, Richard Sewell & Isaac Griffitts, mentioned in a Report of a Committee of Accots, dated the 12th of february 1757, appear to be yet unpaid.

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2. That Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, has paid the Treasurer since last settlement for 3 years Rent of the Vendue Stall under the Court House, (commencing 12th October 1756, & ending 12 Oct^{r} 1759) at £25 p annum, the sum £75.

3. That the Rent chargeable to Evan Evans, late Tenant at the Schuylkill Ferry, from 1 Sep^{t} 1756, (to which time it was accounted for at last settlement) to 6 July 1758, (when Joshua Byrne's Lease commenced) being one year 10 months & 6 days, amounts, at the Rate of £175 p annum, to £ 323 15

Towards which the Treasurer has received	£ 171 5		
And giving Credit also for the Sum of £90, allowed by the Board for some Buildings by him erected,	90 0	—261	5
The Ballance remaining due appears to be,		62	10

4. That Joseph Byrne is chargeable with the Rent of the same Ferry, from 6 July 1758, to 6 January 1760, being 1 year 6 months, which, at the rate of £200 p annum, amounts to £ 300
Towards which he has paid to the Treasurer, 150

5. That Francis Rawle has paid the Treasurer since last settlement for 3 years Rent of the Ferry to the Jerseys, ending 25 March 1759, at thirty pounds p annum, £ 90

6. That the Ballance due from Sarah Paschall at the time of the last settlement was £30, to which is to be added for 3 years Rent of the Jersey Stalls commencing the 11 February 1757, & ending 11 February 1760, a £60 p ann, £ 180
30

in all, 210
Towards which she has paid the Treasurer, 195

Ballance now due from her, £ 15

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A Debt of £21 6 8 of her late Husband, W^m Paschall, also remaining unpaid.

7. That for Stall Rent collected by James Mackey in two years & a half ending 6 April 1759 (after deducting his Commissions & incident charges) the Treasurer has received £198 1 2
And from Samuel Garrigues, for 6 months Rent collected by him, ending 6 Oct^r 1759, after like Deductions made 39 13 8

Note. That before the Building of the New Stalls there were 31 Stalls westward of the Court House (besides one taken up by a Fire Engine) which were usually let at £3 p annum each.

8. That Samuel Morris, Sheriff, has paid the Treasurer since last Settlement, the Sum of £49 11 6 for Fines due in the time of his former Sheriffalty, which, with what he paid & accounted for formerly, he alleges is all that could be got out of those fines, it appearing by a List hereto annexed, that the Residue is due from Felons and Persons extremely poor.

And towards Fines imposed since his second Sheriffalty, he has paid the Treasurer the Sum of £26 5 0.

9. That James Coultas, late Sheriff, has paid the Treasurer £42 12 3, besides £39 8 6 in a former Account; a list of the outstandings is also annexed.

10. That Jacob Shoemaker has paid the Treasurer £10, due for Arrears of Rent of the Potters Field, as settled by the Board, & for two years Rent of the same, since the commencement of his Lease, computed to 28 Nov^r 1759, at £10 p an, £20.

11. That Thomas James has paid the Treasurer £30 for a Years Rent of the new Wharff built at the Charge of the Corporation near

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the Draw-Bridge, ending 5 October 1759, but has not paid any thing for the time held over the Year, being yet unsettled.

12. And the following is a brief State of the Treasurers Acco^{t}, exclusive of the Moneys presented for erecting a public Edifice, & the Interest accruing thereon, viz.

Dr. . . . Benjamin Shoemaker, Esquire,

1757,				
February.	For Ballance of Account then settled, .	£533	15	8½
	For sundry Rents paid him since that Settlement, ...	978	19	10
	For sundry Fines paid him since p Acco^{t}	157	7	6½
		£1,670	3	1

Cr.

By Amount of Payments made by him in pursuance of the Orders of the Board, ...	£1,432	14	0
And £4 allow'd in the Treasurers Acco^{t} to James Coultas, for ferriage of the 2 Regm^{ts} in 1755 (besides £8 paid him in a former Acco^{t}) for which £4 we understand there is no Order, ...	4	0	0
	£1,436	14	0

By Commissions for receiving	£1,132	2	1½			
And for paying	1,432	8	9½			
	£2,564	10	11	a 5 p ct.	£128	4 6
					£1,564	18 6
1760, February 11th, Ballance due to the Corporation, ...					105	4 7
					£1,670	3 1

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13. The Amount of the Several Sums presented to this Corporation, as appears by the Report of the former Committee of Accounts, dated 1757, 12 february, and entered on the Minutes of this Board, is . . . . . £520 — —
Interest paid to that time, ... 209 11 8

£729 11 8
Interest since paid the Treasurer, p account, . . . 104 13 9

£834 5 5

And the following Securities remain in the Treasurers Hands for so much thereof as is put at Interest, viz[t]
Baltzer Bezar & John Lukens Bond, dated 18 October, 1746, for . . . . . £150 — —
Nicholas Power & Michael Hillegas's Bond, 31 August, 1749, ... 81 12 —
W[m] Dewees & Christ[n] Robins' Bond, dated 26 July, 1750, ... 73 11 9
John Coxe, his Mortgage, dated 1 June, 1757, . 325 — —

£630 3 9
Ballance in the Treasurers Hands belonging to this Stock, (except 6|1 paid for recording John Coxe's Mortgage, w[ch] we think ought to be paid by him,) £204 1 8

£834 5 5

Submitted to the Correction of the Board,

Signed, William Coleman
Henry Harrison
Daniel Benezet.

Philadelphia, 11[th] February, 1760.

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The Lists referred to in No. 6 & 9 in the above Report contain an Account of Fines imposed in the Mayors Court, in the years 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757 & 1758, which have not been paid, nor any Account rendered for the Same by the Sheriffs, Samuel Morris & James Coultas; Upon Considering which, The Board came to the following Resolution, viz: That for the future all Fines for which any Delinquents shall appear to have been committed by the Mayors Court, shall be strictly exacted from the Sheriffs to whose Custody they shall be committed, unless such Sheriffs do produce Orders in writing, signed by the Mayor or Recorder for the Discharge of such Delinquents, or that their Fines are remitted by this Board, or that they remain in Custody at the time of Settling said Sheriffs Accots.

The Recorder, Alderman Coxe and Edward Shippen, jr, are appointed a Committee to prepare a Draft of an Ordinance for the Cording of Wood brought for Sale into this City.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Market, under the Inspection of Samuel Rhoads and William Rush, get the public fire Engines in this City repaired and put in Order, And an Account of this charge be exhibited to this Board; And that the Clerk of the Market, for the future take Care that the said Engines be kept in Order, for which this Board will make him an Allowance.

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At a Common Council held at Philad[a] the 17[th] Sept[r], 1760.

Present

John Stamper, Esq[r], Mayor
Benj[a] Chew, Esq[r], Recorder
Benj[a] Shoemaker
Tho[s] Lawrence
Sam[l] Mifflin
William Coxe
Jacob Duchee
Dan[l] Benezet
} Esq[rs], Aldermen.

William Coleman
Sam[l] Rhoads
Septimus Robeson
Sam[l] Shoemaker
John Wallace
William Bingham
Townshend White
William Rush
Joseph Wood
Edw[d] Shippen, j[r]
Alexander Houston
} Common Council Men.

It being represented to the Board, that the Arch of a Common Sewer in Second Street has lately given way, And part of the Street fallen in, so as to want immediate Repair, and that the Assessors of the City having alledged there was no public money in the hands of the City Treasurer to defray y[e] expence of repairing the s[d] Common Sewer; It was agreed by the Board that so much of the Surplus of the Wharfage Money, if any, remaining in the Treasurer's hands (after discharging the Contracts already entered into for the Repair of the public Wharffs) as may be necessary for repairing the said Common Sewer, be applyed to that Use, provided the Expence of that Repair does not exceed Such Surplus; And that the Mayor Recorder & two Aldermen, shall draw orders on the Treasurer accordingly.

Alderman Mifflin, Alderman Lawrence & Townshend White are appointed a Committee to Settle the Treasurers Acco[t] of Wharfage Money.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 7th day of October, 1760.

Present

John Stamper, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- William Plumsted
- Jacob Duchee
- Samuel Mifflin
- Daniel Benezet

Common Council Men.
- William Coleman
- Septimus Robeson
- Alexander Houston
- Nathaniel Morris
- William Rush

Common Council Men.
- Joshua Emlen
- Townshend White
- Joseph Wood
- Joseph Morris
- John Swift
- John Wallace
- Thomas Bond
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Phineas Bond
- Samuel Rhoads
- Edwd Shippen, junr
- William Bingham
- Samuel Mickle

William Sheed on on his Petition is appointed Beadle of this City by a Majority of Votes, during the present Incapacity of Charles Stowe; And in Case of the said Stowes Death, the said William Sheed is appointed to succeed him.

The Recorder proposed, That as the Profits of the Office of Mayor of this City had, of late, fallen short of the Expence attending the Office, and that as it is not reasonable the Person who executes so troublesome an Office, should be a Loser by it, A Sum of Money be allowed to the succeeding Mayor out of the Fund of this Corporation, which Proposal was agreed to, by a Majority of the Board, And the Sum of One Hundred Pounds was voted for the Mayor who shall be chosen for the ensuing year.

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The Board then proceeded to the Election of a a new Mayor, agreeable to their Charter, when Alderman Shoemaker was chosen the Mayor of this City for the ensuing year.

Aldermen Mifflin & Duchee and Septimus Robeson and Alexander Houston were appointed a Committee to wait on his Honour, the Governour to know when it would be convenient that this Board should attend him to present their Mayor.

Which Gentlemen returned and reported, That his Honour was now ready to receive this Board. Whereupon the Board attended the Mayor elect, to the Governors House, where he took and subscribed the usual Qualifications, and that for the faithful Discharge of his Office.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 24th day of December, 1760.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Abraham Taylor
- William Coxe
- Samuel Mifflin
- Jacob Duchee
- Daniel Benezet

Common Council Men.
- Samuel Rhoads
- Septimus Robeson
- Joseph Sims

Common Council Men.
- Joseph Morris
- William Bingham
- William Rush
- Willm Humphries
- Thomas Willing
- John Swift
- Charles Stedman
- Edwd Shippen, jr
- Phineas Bond
- Townshend White
- William Coleman
- Thomas Bond

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The Recorder informed the Board that the Occasion of the present Meeting, was to consider of an Ordinance for Cording of Wood brought for Sale into this City, which had by a former Order of this Board, been referred to him & Edw^{d} Shippen, j^{r}, for Correction; And laid the same, together with such Alterations as were thought proper by the Committee, before the Board; who, after due Consideration, approved of the same: and ordered that the said Ordinance so corrected should be engrossed, ready to be laid before this Board on Saturday next.

Some of the Inhabitants in Market Street making application to this Board for part of the Expence of paving the Street, between their Houses and the new Stalls built by this Corporation, alledging that this Board is considerably benefited thereby — The Board, after some Debate, referred the further Consideration of this Matter to another Meeting.

Alexander Henry, petitioning this Board for a Remission of a fine of twenty five pounds imposed on him in the Mayor's Court for Felony, he being unable to pay the same, and willing to inlist in his Majesty's Regiment of Royal Welsh Volunteers; The Board accordingly remitted the same, on Condition that he inlists in the said Regiment.

William Whitebread, Sen^{r}, petitioning for a Remission of certain Fines imposed on his Son in the Mayors Court for libelling, amounting to one hundred & twenty Pounds, for which he had given his Bond to the Sheriff. The Board, on consideration, unanimously reject the said Petition.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 27th Decem- 1760.

Present

Benja Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayor
Benjn Chew, Esqr, Recorder
Jacob Duchee
Danl Benezet
Saml Mifflin
} Esquires, Aldermen.

Septimus Robeson
Alexander Houston
Henry Harrison
Samuel Rhoads
} Common Council Men.

Amos Strettell
Joseph Morris
Edwd Shippen, jr
Saml Shoemaker
Thomas Bond
Samuel Morris
William Rush
John Swift
Willm Humphries
Willm Bingham
Willm Shippen
} Common Council Men.

The Ordinance for regulating the Cording of Wood, &c., was passed in form and signed by the Mayor, and published from the Court House Stairs.

On the Petition of William Whitebread, Senr, The Board do agree to give him twelve months time, without Interest, to pay the Fines imposed on his Son, in the Mayors Court, the said Wm Whitebread, senior, giving his Bond to this Corporation for the same, to be lodged with the Treasurer.

William Sheed was sworn, well & faithfully to Execute the Office of Beadle of this City.

The Petition of Joseph Glasgodine, for the Remission of a fine of Six Pounds imposed on his Apprentice, Thomas Jones, for stealing, was rejected.

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At a Common Council held at Philad[a] the 6[th] October 1761.

Present

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq[r], Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq[r], Recorder
Joseph Turner, Esq[r]
Thomas Lawrence, Esq[r]
Jacob Duchee, Esq[r]
Daniel Benezet, Esq[r]
} Aldermen.

William Coleman
Septimus Robeson
Samuel Morris
} Common Council Men.

John Wallace
Joseph Wood
William Rush
Alexander Houston
William Bingham
Samuel Shoemaker
Thomas Bond
Henry Harrison
Edward Shippen, j[r]
Townshend White
} Common Council Men.

It being proposed, That as the Bench of Aldermen was at this time very Thin, there should be an Addition to the Number; the same was unanimously agreed to by the Board; And the Question being put, how many should be chosen, The Majority of the Members were for two. And thereupon, Henry Harrison & Samuel Rhoads were elected Aldermen of this City by a Majority of Votes.

The Board then proceeded to the Choice of a new Mayor according to their Charter; Whereupon Alderman Samuel Mifflin was elected to that Office by a Majority of Votes.

The Board being informed that Alderman Mifflin was sick, a Committee was appointed to wait on him to acquaint him of the choice of the Board, Who, on their Return, reported that Alderman Mifflin was unwilling to accept the Office of Mayor, and requested the Board would accept of a Fine instead of his Services. Whereupon the Board proceeded to lay a Fine on said Alderman Mifflin for his Refusal, which was agreed to be Forty Pounds.

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The Board then proceeded to the Election of another Person, And Alderman Jacob Duchée was chosen Mayor of this City for the ensuing year by a Majority of Votes.

A Committee was then appointed to wait upon his Honour the Governor, to know when it would be agreeable to him that the Board should wait upon him to present their Mayor elect to receive the Qualifications prescribed by Law.

Henry Harrison having produced his Accounts to the Board, relating to the new Stalls erected by order of this Board, Samuel Morris, Townshend White and John Wallace were appointed a Committee to examine the same, and to inspect the Vouchers, and to make a Report thereupon to this Board at their next Meeting.

Jane Lynch petitioning for a Remission of a fine imposed on her in the Mayors Court, it is ordered that the Sheriff discharge her from her Imprisonment on Account of said Fine, on her giving a Bond for the same and departing this Province.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor returned, & reported That his Honour was ready to receive this Board at the House of William Allen Esquire. Whereupon the Board attended their Mayor elect to the said House, where the said Jacob Duchée, Esq^{r}, did take & subscribe the Oaths and Declaration prescribed by Law, and also the Oath for the faithful Execution of his Office.

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At a Common Council held at Philad[a] the 16[th] day of February Anno Domini 1762.

Present

Jacob Duchée, Esq[r], Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq[r], Record[r]

Aldermen.
- Samuel Mifflin, Esq[r]
- William Coxe, Esq[r]
- John Stamper, Esq[r]
- Thomas Willing, Esq[r]
- Henry Harrison, Esq[r]
- Benja Shoemaker, Esq[r]
- Daniel Benezet, Esq[r]

Common Council men.
- William Coleman
- Samuel Shoemaker
- William Rush
- John Swift
- Townshend White
- Charles Stedman
- Septimus Robeson
- John Wallace
- Joseph Wood
- Edw[d] Shippen, j[r]
- Will[m] Bingham

The Recorder informed the Board that the Occasion of calling them together was, among other Things, to consider the present State of the public Streets of this City, which were represented to be in great want of Repairs; That the Surplus Money arising from the Rent of the public Wharffs had been for many Years past applied to that Purpose, but that the Magistrates had no power, without the Consent of this Board, to agree with the Assessors in any such Application; which frequently prevented the Magistrates & Assessors from agreeing upon making Repairs that were necessary, till y[e] Consent of this Board was obtained: He therefore proposed it for the Consideration of the Board, That hereafter the Magistrates should have a power of disposing of that Surplus, in conjunction with the Assessors, without the trouble of calling a Meeting of this Board from time to time for that purpose. The Board having taken this Proposal into Consideration and deliberated

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thereon, did agree & resolve That the Mayor, Recorder, and any three Aldermen shall hereafter, in Conjunction with the Assessors of the City, have Power to dispose of the Surplus of the said Wharfage Money, after defraying the Expence of repairing & improving the public Wharffs; rendering, from time to time, an Account to this Board of every such Disposition.

Henry Harrison, John Swift & Joseph Wood, are appointed a Committee to settle the Treasurers Acco^{t} of Wharfage Money; and to view the Condition of the public Wharffs, and report an Estimate of the expence that may be necessary to repair the same.

Jonathan Hood, on his Petition, is continued Tenant of the public Wharff & Ground at the Draw-bridge, at the Rent of Sixty Pounds per Annum.

James Galbreath, petitioning the Board for a Remission of a Fine of Twenty five Pounds, imposed on him by the Mayor's Court for a Violent Assault & Battery; The Board, in Consideration of the said Galbreath's Poverty, and that he has been in Goal upwards of three Months, do remit the said Fine, on Condition, nevertheless, that he give Security for his good behaviour, agreeable to the Judgment of the s^{d} Mayor's Court.

Samuel Garrigues presenting an Acco^{t} against this Board of £22 3 0, for a Beam & Scales for the Meat Market, &c, The same is allowed, and the Mayor impowered to draw an Order on the Treasurer.

Richard Parker's Acco^{t} for repairing the public Fire-Engines, &c., amounting to £31 18 6, is allowed, & the Mayor impowered to draw an Order on the Treasurer for the same.

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It is agreed that Mr Chew & Mr Shippen be desired to consider the Right of this Corporation to the Ends of the public Wharffs, & to report their Opinion to this Board thereupon; And that those Gentlemen be allowed proper Fees for that Service.

At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 15th day of September 1762.

Present

Jacob Duchée, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamim Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Benja Shoemaker
- Samuel Mifflin
- Thomas Willing
- Daniel Benezett
- Henry Harrison
- Samuel Rhoads

Com. Council Men.
- William Logan
- Septimus Robeson
- Joseph Morris
- William Bingham
- Alexander Houston
- Willm Humphries
- William Rush
- Samuel Morris
- Edward Shippen, junr

The Lease of the Middle Ferry on Schuylkill being expired, And the Board understanding that the present Tenant was about to leave it, Ordered that an Advertisement be put in the News paper to give Notice that whoever inclined to take a Lease of it, should send in their proposals to the Mayor before the 21st instant.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 21st Sept 1762.

Present

Jacob Duchée, Esqr, Mayor
Benja Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Benja Shoemaker
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Mifflin
- Thomas Willing
- Samuel Rhoads
- Daniel Benezet
- Willm Coxe

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robeson
- Alexander Houston
- Willm Humphries
- John Wallace
- Joseph Morris
- William Rush
- William Bingham
- Joseph Wood
- Saml Shoemaker
- Edwd Shippen, junr

The Board proceeded to ballot for the Choice of a Tenant for the Middle Ferry on Schuylkill, And Jonathan Humphries was chosen by a Majority of Votes; Who being called in, agrees to take the Ferry on a Lease for three years, at Two hundred pounds per annum. Aldermen Willing & Rhoads are appointed a Committee to see the Lease executed with the usual Covenants; And to view the Condition of the leased premises, and see that the present Tenant leaves it in the repair he covenanted to do; And to consider whether any, and what further Repairs are necessary.

Joshua Byrne presenting an Account for Repairs at the Middle Ferry, it is ordered to lye over for the further Consideration of the Board.

Judith Carleton, John Brown and Garret Norris, severally petitioning for a Remission of certain Fines imposed on them in the Mayor's Court; It is ordered that the Sheriff discharge them from their Con-

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finement, on their giving Bonds for their fines respectively, and on their consenting to leave this province; for which purpose the Sheriff is to see them ship[t].

John Bustrell petitioning for a Remission of a Fine imposed on him in the Mayor's Court; The Board agrees to grant his petition, The Sheriff taking care that he is delivered to the Officer with whom he inlisted.

John Sagason petitioning for a Remission of a Fine laid on him in the Mayor's Court, His petition is granted.

At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 5th day of October 1762.

Present

Jacob Duchée, Esq, Mayor
Benj[a] Chew, Esq[r], Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Joseph Turner
- William Coxe
- Henry Harrison
- Samuel Rhoads
- Samuel Mifflin
- Edw[d] Shippen, Sen[r]

Com. Council Men.
- William Logan
- Septimus Robeson
- Samuel Mickell
- Amos Strettle
- Joseph Sims
- Alexander Houston
- Will[m] Bingham
- Will[m] Rush
- Joseph Wood
- Edw[d] Shippen, jr

Mathew Clarkson having presented to the Board a Ground-Plot of the City of Philadelphia, which he designs to publish, with a Dedication to this Corporation; The Board, on Consideration thereof, do agree to give the said Matthew Clarkson the Sum of Ten pistoles

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towards defraying the Expence of the plate; on Condition, nevertheless, that the publick Squares laid down in the original Plan of the City, be so described that the Claim of the Inhabitants of the said City thereto may not be prejudiced.

Samuel Garrigues petitioning the Board for an Allowance for overlooking the Corders of Wood, and taking Care of the Public Wharfes & fire Engines, and for sweeping and cleaning the Markett and ringing the Market Bell; The Board do allow the said Samuel Garrigues, in consideration of all his Services of that sort, the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds per annum.

Two Bills, presented by Samuel Garrigues, for repairing the publie Fire Engines, amounting to twenty-five shillings, allowed.

The Board having agreed to choose five new Common Council Men, the following Gentlemen were elected by a Majority of Votes, viz^{t}, John Allen, John Lawrence, Redmond Cunningham, Evan Morgan, and John Gibson.

The Board then proceeded to the choice of a Mayor for the ensuing Year, and Alderman William Coxe was elected to that office, which he refusing to serve, was fined the Sum of Forty Pounds.

Alderman Daniel Benezet was then chosen Mayor by a Majority of Votes, but he likewise refusing to serve, was fined the Sum of Forty Pounds.

The Board then elected Alderman Henry Harrison to be Mayor for the ensuing Year; & Then waited on his Honor, the Governor, with the Mayor elect, where the said Henry Harrison took and subscribed the Oaths & Declaration prescribed by Law, as well as that for the faithful Execution of his Office.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 27th day of November 1762.

Present

Henry Harrison, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Jacob Duchee, Esqr
- William Plumsted, Esqr
- Thomas Lawrence, Esqr
- Saml Mifflin, Esqr
- Danl Benezet, Esqr
- Saml Rhoads, Esqr

Common Council Men.
- William Shippen
- Saml Shoemaker
- Samuel Morris

Common Council Men.
- Thomas Bond
- Townshend White
- William Rush
- Wm Bingham
- Joseph Wood
- Edward Shippen, jr
- John Allen
- John Lawrence
- Redmd Conyngham
- John Gibson
- Joseph Morris
- John Wallace

John Allen, John Lawrence, Redmond Conyngham and John Gibson, respectively took and subscribed the usual Qualifications as Common Council Men of this City.

Catharine Nugent petitioning for a Remission of a Fine imposed on her in the Mayor's Court, It is ordered that the Sheriff discharge her from prison on her giving Bond for the Fine.

John Willis petitioning for a Remission of a Fine, imposed on him in the Mayor's Court; It is ordered that the Sheriff take his Bond for the fine, and discharge him from Prison.

John Clark petitioning the Board for a Remission of a Fine imposed on him in the Mayor's Court, on a Conviction of Fornication, The Petition is rejected by a Majority of Votes.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia, the 5th day of March 1763.

Present

Henry Harrison, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen.
Benja Shoemaker, Esqr
Samuel Rhoads, Esqr
Saml Mifflin, Esqr
Daniel Benezet, Esqr

Common Council Men.
Alexander Houston
John Wallace
Joseph Morris
Willm Rush
Willm Bingham
Townshend White
Joseph Wood
John Allen
John Lawrence
John Gibson
Edwd Shippen, jr

The Mayor, Alderman Mifflin, Alderman Rhoads, and Townshend White, are appointed a Committee to inspect the Condition of the Public Wharffs of this City, & report their Opinion what Repairs or Improvements are necessary to be made therein for the Public Service.

The Examination of the Wharfage Account is deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

Samuel Rhoads presenting an Account amounting to £4 14 0, It is ordered that ten Shillings, part of the said Account, be paid by the Treasurer out of the Corporation Stock, and the remainder out of the Surplus of the Wharfage money.

Thomas Ryan Petitioning for a Remission of a Fine of £5, imposed on him in the Mayors Court on a Conviction for Felony;

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It is ordered that the Sheriff discharge him from Prison, on taking Bond for the Fine, & shipping him off.

Mary Ford presenting a Petition to the same Effect, the same Order is made.

At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 14th day of March 1763.

Present

Aldermen.

Henry Harrison, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
Joseph Turner, Esqr
Benja Shoemaker, Esqr
Thomas Lawrence, Esqr
John Stamper, Esqr
Samuel Mifflin, Esqr
Daniel Benezet, Esqr
Samuel Rhoads, Esqr

Common Council men.

William Coleman
Joseph Sims
Samuel Morris
John Wallace
John Gibson
William Rush
Alexander Houston
William Logan
Charles Stedman
Redmd Conyngham
Townshend White
John Allen
William Bingham
Edwd Shippen, jr
Joseph Morris

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to view the Condition of the public Wharffs, having reported what they thought necessary to be done, the Board, on consideration thereof, do agree that the following Repairs and Improvements shall be made, viz;

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The Slip at the North End of the Town to be regulated, & some Earth dug up at the End of the Wharff.

The Dock at Arch street to be dug out.

The Slip at the blue Anchor to be regulated, and some Earth dug out from the End of the Pier.

A Pier to be carried out from Market street Wharff, about 28 or 30 feet wide & about 50 feet long.

The Mayor, Aldermen Mifflin & Rhoads, and Townshend White, are appointed a Committee to get these Repairs & Improvements done, as soon as possible; and are impowered to draw Orders on the Treasurer for money to defray the Expence thereof.

The Wharfage Account being Considered, The Treasurer agreed to deduct half of the Commissions charged therein, viz, £5 15 5, so that the Ballance due to the Corporation on that Account appears to be £183 6 10, at the last settlement thereof, 17 April, 1762.

The Mayor, Alderman Benezet & Joseph Sims, are appointed a Committee to settle the Treasurer's general Account with this Board, together with the Wharfage Account.

Alderman Shoemaker, the Treasurer, on some Objections being made to the Commissions of 5 p. Ct for receiving, and 5 p. Ct for paying the moneys of this Corporation, proposed of his own Accord, to reduce those Commissions for the future to 2½ p. Ct for receiving, & 2½ p. Ct for paying, to take place from the time of the last Settlement of the Treasurers Account—Which Proposal is agreed to by the Board.

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John Stamper presenting an Account amounting to £20 3 2, for some Improvements of the public Wharffs, which the Committee report to have been necessary; the same is allowed, & directed to be paid out of the Wharfage Money.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 27th day of May Anno Domini 1763.

Present

Aldermen:
Henry Harrison, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
Benja Shoemaker, Esqr
Thomas Lawrence, Esqr
Samuel Mifflin, Esqr
Jacob Duchee, Esqr
John Stamper, Esqr
Thomas Willing, Esqr

Common Council men:
Septimus Robinson
Alexander Houston
Thomas Bond

Common Council men:
Phineas Bond
Townshend White
Samuel Shoemaker
Joseph Morris
John Gibson
William Rush
Joseph Sims
Edwd Shippen, jr
Samuel Morris
Joseph Wood
John Lawrence
Willm Bingham
John Redman

It being considered by the Board That the Salary heretofore allowed to the Recorder of the City was too small, and by no means adequate to the Services or Dignity of that Station; It was therefore unanimously resolved, That the Recorder's Salary should be raised from £25 to Seventy five pounds per annum, to commence from the last Payment.

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It being represented to the Board, that as the Market Street, to the Eastward of the Court House, was now regulating and paving, and the Stalls in the Jersey Market were in a ruinous Condition, some Repairs in the same became immediately necessary; It was therefore proposed that the Present wooden Stalls be pulled down and more durable ones erected, and that at the East End thereof, near front Street, there should be a Market for Greens and Roots, erected in such a Manner as to answer the Purposes both of a Market and an Exchange. The Consideration of this Proposal was deferred to the next Meeting, and in the mean time, the Mayor, Alderman Mifflin and Willing, & Alexander Houston & John Lawrence, are appointed to prepare a Plan, & estimate the Expence of such an Improvement.

At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 4th day of June Anno Domini 1763.

Present

Henry Harrison, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Samuel Mifflin, Esqr
- William Plumsted, Esqr
- Thomas Lawrence, Esqr
- Jacob Duchee, Esqr
- Thomas Willing, Esqr
- Daniel Benezet, Esqr

Common Council men.
- William Logan
- Septimus Robinson
- Thomas Bond
- William Rush
- Samuel Mickle
- Joseph Wood
- Alexander Houston
- John Allen
- John Lawrence
- John Gibson
- William Bingham
- John Wallace
- Edward Shippen, junr

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The Board having resumed the Consideration of the Proposals concerning the Jersey Market, and the Committee presenting a Plan agreeable to the Directions of the Board at the last Meeting; A Question was put, Whether Stalls with brick Pillars should be erected to the Eastward of the Court House, to begin about forty feet from the Line of Second Street, with a covering over the whole; and at the End thereof, on front Street, a Building to serve the Purposes of a Green Market and an Exchange, agreeable, or nearly so, to the Plan exhibited by the Committee. Carried in the affirmative.

It being then moved, That part of the Expence of the said Building should be defrayed out of the Stock in the Hands of this Corporation for building an Exchange; It was, on Debate, resolved That the Sum of Five hundred Pounds should be applyed out of the s^{d} Exchange Stock for that purpose.

The Mayor, Alderman Mifflin, Alderman Willing, Alex^{r} Houston & John Lawrence, are appointed a Committee to employ Workmen, & to get the Stalls & Building compleated as soon as possible; and are impowered to draw Orders from time to time, to defray the Expence thereof, on the Treasurer of this Board, who is hereby required to pay the same.

It is likewise Ordered, That the Treasurer call in so much of the Exchange Money now at Interest as will be sufficient, with what Money now remains in his hands belonging to that Fund, to make up the aforesaid Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 4th day of October, 1763.

Present

Henry Harrison, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Benjamin Shoemaker
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Mifflin
- Jacob Duchee
- Daniel Benezet
- Thomas Willing
- Samnul Rhoads

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robinson
- John Gibson
- Townshend White
- Thomas Bond
- Samuel Shoemaker
- John Lawrence
- John Allen
- Amos Strettel
- William Rush
- Willm Bingham
- Alexr Houston
- Redmd Conyngham
- Edwd Shippen, jr

The Board proceeded, agreeable to their Charter, to the Choice of a Mayor, for the ensuing Year, and Thomas Willing, Esquire, was elected to that Office.

The Members of the Board afterward attended the Mayor elect to his Honour the Governor, who administered to him the usual Qualifications.

Thomas Ryan petitioning for ye Remission of a Fine, his Petition is granted.

Jacob Shoemaker's Fine was likewise remitted.

Joseph Holstocks Fine remitted on his consenting to Ship himself off.

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Henry Harrison, Daniel Benezet & Joseph Sims are appointed a Committee to settle the Account of Fines of the late Sheriff.

The Committee appointed to inspect & settle the several Accounts depending with the Corporation, having stated the same to the 20th of May, 1763, report as follows:

Thomas Lawrence, Dr.

For 3 years Rent of the Vendue Stall, ending the 12th October, 1762, . .	£75 0 0	
Has paid the Treasurer, ...	50 0 0	
Ball^{a} due the 12th Oct. last, . . .		£25 0 0

Widow Evans has paid the balance due from her late husband, ... £62 10 0

Joshua Byrne, Dr.

For Ballance due at the last Settlement, ...	£150 0 0	
For Rent of Schuylkill Ferry, from the 6th of Jan^{ry} 1760, to 16th Oct^{r} 1762, 2 y^{rs} 9 m^{o} & ½, at £200 p an., . . .	555 11 1	
	£705 11 1	
Has paid the Treasurer,	550 0 0	
Ballance due		£155 11 1

Jonathan Humphries enter'd on Schuylkill Ferry 18th Oct^{r} 1762 To the 18th April 1763, is ½ a year, at £200 p an., ... 100 0 0

Has paid the Treasurer in full to that day, . . 100 0 0

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Francis Rawle's Estate is charged with Rent for the Jersey Ferry, from 25th March 1759 to 25th Mch 1763, 4 years, at £30 p an.,	£120 0 0	
Paid the Treasurer,	90 0 0	
Ballance due the 25th March last,		£30 0 0
Jacob Shoemaker, For Rent of the Potters Field, 3 years, ending 28th Novr 1762, at £10 p an.,	£30 0 0	
Paid the Treasurer to that day,	30 0 0	
Samuel Austin, For Rent of the Jersey Ferry, from 17 May 1760 to 17th May 1763, at £30 p an.,	90 0 0	
Paid the Treasurer	30 0 0	
Ballance due,		£60 0 0
Sarah Paschall, For Ballance at last Settlement,	£15 0 0	
For Rent of the Jersey Stalls from the 11th febry 1760 to the 11 febry 1763,	180 0 0	
	195 0 0	
Paid the Treasurer at Sundry times,	135 0 0	
Ballance due the 11th Febry 1763,	60 0 0	
A Balle unpaid by her late husbd, Wm Paschall,	21 6 8	
Ballance due in the whole to the 11th febry last,		£81 6 8

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Thomas Overend & Jonathan Hood } For the Wharf near the Draw-Bridge built at the Corporation Expence, from 5th Octr 1759 to 5th Oct 1762, 3 years at £30 p an., ... } £90 0 0

Overend paid the Treasurer £30 0 0
Hood paid the Treasurer . . 52 10 0
82 10 0

Ballance due 5th Oct last, ... £7 10 0

N. B. there appears to be due for this Wharf, from Thos James, for the time he held it over the year, not settled.

Samuel Garrigues, received for the Butchers Stalls from the 6th Octr 1759 to 25th Decr 1762, . . } £550 10 0

Deduct his Commissions, Salary, &c, pd by order of the Board, . . } £132 6 0
Paid the Treasurer, ... 418 4 0
£550 10 0

N.B. there are 61 Stalls lett at £3 p an.

Aldermen Mifflin, Coxe, & Benezet have paid the Treasr, Fines for not serving ye office of Mayor £40 each, ... } £120 0 0

Samuel Morris Paid the Treasurer on Acct of Fines received during his Sheriffalty, ... 326 9 0

£446 9 0

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Dr. Benjamin Shoemaker, Esquire, Treasurer, Cr.

1760.						
11th Febry To Ballance then Settled, .		£105	4 7	By Amount of paymts made by order of the Board, ...		£949 0 8
To Sundry Rents paid him since that Settlement, ...		1,548	4 0	By Commissions for receiving	£1,548 0 0	
For Sundry Fines paid him, ...		446	9 0	and paying	949 0 8	
		£2,099	17 7		£2,497 4 8	
				at 2½ p Ct		£ 62 8 8
				Commissions for Fines recd by the Sheriff & Treasurer, at 2½ p Ct each, . .		23 4 0
						£1,034 13 4
May 20th 1763. Ballance due to the Corporation, ...						1,065 4 3
						£2,099 17 7

N.B. No Fines paid by the present Sheriff.

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The above is a brief State of the Treasurers Account (exclusive of the Monies presented for erecting a public Edifice, & the public Wharfs Acco[t]) From the 11[th] Febry 1760, to the 20[th] May 1763.

Submitted to the Board by

Henry Harrison
Dan[l] Benezet
Jos. Sims.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 18[th] day of October 1763.

Present

Thomas Willing, Esq, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq, Recorder
Thomas Lawrence, Samuel Mifflin, Daniel Benezet — Esq[rs], Aldermen

Joseph Sims, Samuel Morris, John Wallace — Common Council Men.

Edw[d] Shippen, j[r], Redm[d] Conynham, Joseph Wood, Alexander Houston, William Rush, John Allen, Will[m] Bingham, Phineas Bond, Amos Strettle — Common Council Men.

It was proposed that, as the carrying up the Stalls of the Jersey Market had been hitherto deferred by the Workmen employed by the Committee, and the Season was now very far advanced, it would be more safe to defer the Work till next Spring, which was agreed to by the Board.

The Committee appointed to get the Jersey Market built, are desired to get that Markett put into some Order for this Winter, and

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to agree with a proper person for the Rent of the Stalls, till it shall be necessary to pull them down to erect the Markett.

The Commissioners of Philadelphia County, having made Application to this Board, for the Loan of a Sum of Money for finishing the Bridge over the Dock in front Street, they not having Compleated the Collection of the Taxes, & being in want of a present Supply of Money; The Board, in considering this as a public Work, and that there is Money in the Treasurers Hands which will not be wanted till next Spring, agree to lend the Commissioners, Joseph King, Michael Kellegas and Abraham Dawes - - - - - any Sum of Money, not exceeding four hundred pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, on giving their private Bonds to this Corporation, payable the first day of April next, without Interest. The Treasurer to Charge no Commissions for paying or receiving the Money.

At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia, the 31st day of October 1763.

Present

Thomas Willing, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

} Aldermen.

} Common Council Men.

The Board agreed to address the Honourable John Penn, Esqr, our new Governor, on his Appointment to this Government and

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Arrival in the Province; And the Mayor, Recorder, William Coleman and Phineas Bond, are appointed a Committee to prepare the Address, and to lay it before the Board at their next Meeting.

It was likewise agreed, that an Entertainment be provided for his Honour, at the Expence of this Corporation, and Samuel Mifflin, John Lawrence, Joseph Wood & W^m Bingham, are appointed a Committee to manage the same, and invite proper Company.

At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia the 7^th^ of November 1763.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Honour the Governor, laid a Draft of one before the Board, which, after some Amendments, was approved of, and is as follows, viz^t^.

"To The Honorable John Penn, Esq^r^, Lieutenant Governor "of the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties of New-"Castle, Kent and Sussex, on Delaware.

"The humble Address of the Mayor & Commonalty of "the City of Philadelphia,

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"The Mayor & Commonalty of the City of Philadelphia, beg "leave to congratulate your Honour on your Appointment to the "Government of this Province, and safe Arrival in it.

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"When we reflect on the many Virtues of your worthy Ancestor, "our first Proprietor and Governor, under whose forming Hand "this City and Province were settled, and to whose Wisdom their "Growth and present flourishing State are in a great measure "owing, we are impressed with the highest Veneration for his "Memory. Permit us, Sir, to assure you, that we with pleasure "behold the Administration of this Government committed to a "Gentleman descended from one so dear to us, and we doubt not "but you will imitate his great Example, by considering your own "Interest and Happiness as inseparably connected with the People "over whom you preside.

"Warmed with the pleasing Review of Virtues so amiable and "beneficial to this Colony, we cannot (consistent with a due Regard "to Merit) forbear expressing the highest Esteem and Affection for "our late worthy Governor, Mr. Hamilton. Common Justice calls "upon us to acknowledge, that he filled that Station with credit and "Honour; And we are persuaded that his whole Conduct hath been "influenced by a sincere Attachment to the public Good. — As "nothing can be more acceptable to a good and generous Mind, "than that Virtue should receive the just Tribute of Praise, we need "not apologise to your Honour for taking this public Occasion of "manifesting our Gratitude to your Predecessor.

"We firmly rely on your Favour, in protecting the Corporation "of this City in the Enjoyment of all the Rights and Privileges "granted them by Charter; and sincerely wish that your adminis- "tration may be attended with Satisfaction to yourself, and lasting "Advantages to the Public.

Thomas Willing, Mayor.

Philadelphia, 7th November 1763.

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The Board then waited in a Body on the Governor, and by their Recorder delivered the Address, to which his Honour was pleased to make the following Answer.

" Gentlemen,

" I return you my hearty Thanks for this kind & obliging " Address, and in a particular manner for your good Wishes for me, and the affection you express for my Family.

„ My Predecessor, Mr. Hamilton, justly deserves the Character „ you have given him; and nothing can be more agreeable to me „ than this Testimony of your Gratitude to him.

„ The Corporation of this City may rest assured, that I will do „ every thing in my power to protect them in the Enjoyment of „ all their just Rights and Privileges. „

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia, the 28th day of November 1763.

Present

Aldermen:
Thomas Willing, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr
William Plumsted, Esqr
Thos Lawrence Esqr
Saml Rhoads, Esqr
Saml Mifflin, Esqr
Edwd Shippen, Esqr
John Stamper, Esqr
Henry Harrison, Esqr

Common Council Men:
Thos Cadwallader
Alexander Houston
Wm Humphries

Common Council Men:
Wm Bingham
Wm Shippen
Joseph Sims
John Allen
John Redman
Phineas Bond
Saml Morris
Townsd White
Willm Rush
Wm Logan
Joseph Wood
Amos Strettle
Edwd Shippen, jr
John Lawrence

The Committee appointed to prepare an Entertainment for his Honor, the Governor, laid before the Board an Acct of the Expence thereof, amounting to £203 17 0½, which the Treasurer is required to pay to the said Committee on their Order.

Agreed that an Order be drawn by the Mayor on the Treasurer of this Board for the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be paid the Trustees appointed by the Act of Assembly for the Conveying to this Corporation a Lot on the North East corner of the State House Square, for the erecting a City Hall; And the Mayor, Alderman Harrison, and Edwd Shippen, junr, are appointed a Committee to get the Deeds drawn & executed.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia, the 30th day January 1764.

Present

Thomas Willing, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
Samuel Mifflin
Henry Harrison
Samuel Rhoads
} Esqrs, Aldn.

Isaac Jones
Saml Shoemaker
Septimus Robeson
Joseph Morris
} Common Council Men.

Amos Strettle
John Wallace
Willm Bingham
Samuel Morris
John Lawrence
William Rush
Joseph Wood
John Allen
Townshend White
Edwd Shippen, jr
} Common Council Men.

It appearing to the Board that many Frauds had been committed in the Marketts of this City by weighing the Provisions sold to the Inhabitants with Steel-Yards, It was resolved that a Bye Law should pass to restrain the use of the Steelyards, & to compel the Butchers & others selling Provision by weight, to weigh the same with Scales & Weights, regulated & marked by the proper officer. And a Draft of a Bye Law to that purpose being produced by the Recorder, the same was fully considered, and after some Amendments, was passed into an Ordinance intitled "An Ordinance to prevent Impositions in the weighing of Provisions in the City of Philadelphia," and ordered to be published in the newspapers.

An Old Account of Philip Syng's against this Board for Medals for Colonel Armstrong & for the Punch, Die & Collar for making the same, amounting to £4 5 8, was exhibited & allowed, and ordered to be paid.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia, the 30th day of March 1764.

Present

Thomas Willing, Esqr Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Alds.:
William Plumsted
Thomas Lawrence
William Coxe
Jacob Duchee
Samt Mifflin

Common Council Men:
Joseph Sims
Amos Strettle
John Wallace

Common Council Men:
Redmd Conyngham
Townshend White
Edwd Shippen, jr
Willm Bingham
Samt Shoemaker
William Rush
Charles Stedman
Isaac Jones
Joseph Wood
Alexr Houston
John Allen

A Petition was presented to the Board from five Butchers, complaining of some Hardships likely to attend the late Ordinance for weighing of provisions with Scales instead of Steelyards; And the same being read, and fully considered, It was resolved (nem con) that the Regulations made by the said Ordinance are useful and necessary to prevent Impositions on the Inhabitants; And that this Board will accordingly carry the same into Execution.

Sundry persons in Prison petitioning for a Remission of fines imposed on them by the Mayor's Court, The following Orders were made, vizt, That Francis Barry and Mary Nelson be discharged on their giving Bonds for their fines, and being shipp'd off: That John Nugent be discharged on giving Bond & being shipp'd off, or inlisting in the regular Service; That Robert Revett be discharged on giving Bond for his fine; That William Ostler be dis-

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charged on being shipp'd off—And that the petitions of John Wood, John Rock, Bryan Conolly & his Wife, and Jame Byrns, be rejected.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 10th Day of April, 1764.

Present

Thomas Willing, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
William Plumsted
Thos Lawrence
Samuel Mifflin
} Esqrs, Aldn.

John Allen
Willm Humphries
John Redman
Septimus Robinson
John Wallace
} Common Council Men.

Amos Strettle
Charles Stedman
Townshend White
John Lawrence
William Bingham
William Rush
Alexander Houston
Thomas Bond
Thos Cadwallader
Phineas Bond
William Shippen
} Common Council Men.

A proposal being made that the two Walls between the new Stone Bridge in Front Street, and the wooden Bridge in Kings Street, should be rebuilt at the Expence of this Corporation, to prevent the danger that is apprehended would otherwise arise to the health of the Inhabitants; the same was unanimously agreed to; And William Bingham and Joseph Sims are appointed a Committee to engage Workmen, direct & inspect the Work, & draw Orders on the Treasurer to defray the Expence.

William Plumsted & Samuel Mifflin, Esqrs, and John Allen and Alexander Houston, are appointed a Committee to view the premises

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and consider whether the above mentioned spot will admit of the erecting a Fish Markett thereon, or what other public Use it can best be applied to; & make their report to this Board.

John Lukens, Surveyor General, is appointed by the Board one of the Regulators of this City, in the Room of Nicholas Scull, deceased.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 28th day of May, 1764.

Present

Thomas Willing, Esqr, Mayr
Benja Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Jacob Duchee
Henry Harrison
John Stamper
Samuel Mifflin
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

Sam[l] Shoemaker
Samuel Morris
John Lawrence
} Common Council Men.

Will[m] Bingham
John Redman
John Wallace
Townshend White
Isaac Jones
Joseph Sims
William Logan
William Rush
Alexr Houston
Charles Stedman
Edwd Shippen, junr
} Common Council Men.

The Committee appointed to consider what public Use the Vacancy between the two Bridges could best be put to, report that a Fish Markett would be very Convenient at that End of the Town, and that this would be a proper place for that purpose, and might be built at little Expence; It is therefore agreed that a Fish-Markett be accordingly erected there; And that Joseph Sims and William Bingham, be a Committee to get the same done forthwith, and have power to Draw Orders on the Treasurer to defray the Expence.

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The Petitions of Sundry persons in prison, praying to be discharged from the payment of sundry Fines imposed on them by the Mayors Court, were read and considered. And those of John Sharpe and Ireneus Odell were rejected. John Eastburn to be discharged from his Confinement on giving his Bond for the Fine, and shipping himself out of the Country. James Burns, John Rock, John Wood, John Dunlap and Nathaniel Bradmore, to be discharged on their inlisting for some Garrison to the Southward of Georgia, and being actually shipt off for such Garrison, till w^{ch} time to be kept in strict Confinement. Bryan Connolly & Susannah Connelly to be discharged on Bryan's giving Bond for their Fines, & their being shipt off for some Country to the Southward of Georgia. Mary Hughes's Fine remitted.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 26th day of June, A D 1764.

Present

Thomas Willing, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Benj^{a} Shoemaker
- Thomas Lawrence
- Henry Harrison
- Samuel Rhoads

Common Council Men.
- Samuel Morris
- Townshend White
- Joseph Morris
- John Wallace
- John Lawrence
- Redm^{d} Conyngham
- William Rush
- Edward Shppen, j^{r}
- Alexander Houston

Jonathan Hood having failed to discharge his Arrears of Rent for the public Wharff and Ground rented to him, It is ordered That an Advertisement be inserted by the Mayor in the next Ga-

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sette for a new Tenant. And the Recorder is desired to bring an Action against Hood for the Rent due to the Corporation. And also an Action against Joshua Byrne for his Arrears.

William Sheed's Petition, praying for some Compensation for summoning the Common Council, and other services to the Corporation as their Beadle, being considered; He is allowed the sum of Fifteen Pounds for his past Services.

The Treasurer is authorised to deliver up William Whitebread, senior's, Bond, for his Son's Fines; the said Son giving his Bond for what remains due thereon, with the Interest.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 2d day of October, A D 1764.

Present

Thomas Willing, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
William Plumsted
William Coxe
Jacob Duchee
Thomas Lawrence
Samuel Mifflin
Daniel Benezet
Alexander Stedman
Henry Harrison

Joseph Sims, William Shippen
John Lawrence, William Logan
Redmd Conyngham
Samuel Morris, Septimus Robeson
William Rush, Joseph Morris
Townshend White
Charles Stedman, Amos Strettle
Isaac Jones, John Redman
John Wallace, Alexander Houston
Edwd Shippen, junr, John Swift
Samuel Shoemaker
William Bingham, Thomas Bond
Thomas Cadwallader
Samuel Austin.

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The Board, agreeable to their Charter, proceeded to the choice of a Mayor for the ensuing year, and Alderman Thomas Lawrence was accordingly elected to that Office.

It was then moved that some addition be made to the Aldermen and Common Council men; and Questions being put, it was carried by a Majority, that two new Aldermen and two new Common Council Men should be elected. Whereupon Isaac Jones and John Lawrence, were chosen Aldermen of this City by a majority of Votes; and James Tilghman and Archibald McCall, were chosen Common Council Men, the said James Tilghman being likewise admitted a Freeman.

A Committee was appointed to wait upon his Honour, the Governor, to know when it would be agreeable to him that this Board should present their new Mayor to take the Qualifications.

It being represented by the late Mayor, that there is a Necessity for a Beadle, or some other Officer with a proper Salary, daily to attend the Mayor of this City in the Execution of his Office; The Board agreed the same should be taken into Consideration at some future Meeting.

John Dunlap petitioning for y^e^ Remission of a Fine imposed on him in the Mayors Court, on a Conviction of Larceny; It is ordered that he be discharged from prison on giving Bond for the fine, and being shipt off to the West Indies.

Daniel Miller petitioning for the Remission of a fine laid on him in the Mayors Court; He being poor, and having a family to support by his Labour, the Board remitted it.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor, returned, and reported that his Honour was ready to receive the Board:

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Whereupon, the Members in a body attended the Mayor elect to the Governor's House, where the usual Qualifications, with the Oath of Office, were administered to him in his Honour's Presence.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 19th day of november, 1764.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Willing
- William Plumsted
- Samuel Mifflin
- Jacob Duchée
- Henry Harrison
- Daniel Benezet
- Alexander Stedman
- Isaac Jones
- John Lawrence

Common Council men.
- Charles Stedman
- Joseph Sims
- John Gibson
- Townshend White
- William Rush
- John Wallace
- Redmd Conyngham
- William Humphries
- William Bingham
- John Allen
- Alexander Houston
- James Tilghman
- William Logan
- Edward Shippen, junr

James Tilghman, Esqr, took and subscribed the usual Qualifications as a Common Council man of this City.

The Recorder produced a Deed of Release from the Honble Thomas Penn, Esquire, to this Corporation, for the piece of Ground claimed by the City, lying on the Dock, and bounded on the East by front Street, and on the South by Spruce Street; which was

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accepted, and the Recorder requested to get the same proved and recorded.

A Petition having been transmitted to London by the Assembly of this Province, to be presented to his Majesty for a Change of Government, The Board came to a Resolution to send a petition to the Proprietaries, expressing their Disapprobation of such a Change, and praying that if such a change should take place, they would use their best Endeavours that the Privileges of the people be preserved, and the Rights of this Corporation, under their Charter, be continued to them: And the Recorder, Mr Stedman, Mr Tilghman, Mr Allen & Mr Shippen, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Draft of such Petition.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 20th of November, 1764.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Jacob Duchée, Esqr
- Willm Plumsted
- Samuel Mifflin
- Daniel Benezet
- Isaac Jones
- Alexander Stedman
- Henry Harrison
- John Lawrence

Common Council Men.
- Alexander Houston
- Wm Humphries
- John Wallace
- John Gibson
- John Allen
- Redmd Conyngham
- Samuel Austin
- William Rush
- Townshend White
- Willm Bingham
- Edwd Shippen, junr
- Joseph Sims

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George Whitebread, petitioning for the Remission of a Fine imposed on him in the Mayor's Court—The Sheriff is ordered to discharge him from his Confinement, on his giving Bond for the Fine, and seeing him shipp'd off.

The Committee appointed yesterday, presented to the Board a Draft of the Petition to the Proprietors, which, after some Amendments, was approved and ordered to be ingrossed and signed by the Mayor.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 27th Day of May 1765.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr
Jacob Duchée, Esqr, } Aldermen.
Thomas Willing, Esqr
Daniel Benezet Esqr
Samuel Mifflin, Esqr
John Lawrence, Esqr
Isaac Jones, Esqr

Samel Shoemaker } Common Council Men.
Samuel Morris
Alexander Houston

Thomas Bond } Common Council Men.
John Wallace
John Gibson
Redmd Conyngham
William Bingham
Townshend White
William Rush
James Tilghman
Edward Shippen, junr
John Allen
John Redman
Phineas Bond

Elizabeth Griffin petitioning for a Remission of a Fine imposed on her in the Mayor's Court for Larceny; It is agreed that said Fine be remitted on her being shipt off to Pensacola.

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On the Application of the County Commissioners to borrow the Sum of £100 to compleat the Bridge over the Run at Schuylkill Falls, The Board directed that previous to their coming to any Resolution thereupon, a Committee be appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts; and Mr Houston, Mr White and Mr Gibson, were named for that Service.

The same Committee were appointed to examine & settle an Account exhibited by Mr Sims & Mr Bingham for building the Fish Market at the Drawbridge.

Susannah Conolly applying to be discharged from her Confinement, Ordered that she be accordingly discharged, on her Husband's giving Bond in £100 for her leaving the Province in three months.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 9th Day of August 1765.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
Benjamin Shoemaker
Isaac Jones
Samuel Rhoads
John Lawrence
} Esqrs, Alds.

William Logan
Joseph Wood
Joseph Sims
Amos Strettell
Alexr Houston
John Wallace
Townshend White
Willm Bingham
Willm Rush
James Tilghman
} Common Council Men.

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It being represented to the Board that the Shedd at the Middle Ferry is gone to Decay, they appointed Samuel Rhoads, William Logan & W^m^ Rush, a Committee to view the present Shed, and either to have it repaired, or contract with Workmen to build a new one, of such Dimensions and Construction as they shall think proper, with Power to draw upon the Treasurer for the necessary Expence, who is hereby ordered to pay the same.

The Commissioners of Philadelphia County, having made Application to this Board for the Loan of a Sum of Money for finishing the Bridge over the Run at Schuylkill Falls, The Board considering this as a public & useful Work, and that there is Money in the Treasurers Hands, agree to lend the Commissioners, Joseph King, Enoch Story and Abraham Dawes, any sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, on giving their private Bonds to this Corporation, payable the tenth day of April next, without Interest, the Treasurer to charge no Commissions for paying or receiving the Money.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 1st day of October, 1765.

Present

Thomas Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Thomas Willing, Esqr
- Samuel Mifflin, Esqr
- Joseph Turner, Esqr
- Alexander Stedman, Esqr
- Jacob Duchée, Esqr
- Daniel Benezet, Esq
- Isaac Jones, Esqr
- Benj Shoemaker, Esqr
- Henry Harrison, Esqr
- John Lawrence, Esqr

Common Council Men.
- Thomas Bond
- Willm Shippen
- Sept Robinson
- Amos Strettle
- James Tilghman
- Alexr Houston
- John Gibson
- Joseph Morris
- Wm Bingham
- Wm Rush
- John Wallace
- Edwd Shippen, junr
- John Redman
- Townshend White
- Wm Humphries
- Joseph Sims

John Willson, a Prisoner, petitioning for ye Remittance for a Fine imposed on him in the Mayor's Court, It is ordered that he be discharged from his Confinement, on his giving Bond for his Fine.

This being the day appointed by Charter for the Election of a Mayor, The Board proceeded to that Business, And Alderman John Lawrence was elected Mayor of this City for the ensuing Year; The Board then attended the Mayor elect to his Honour, the Governor's, where he took and subscribed the usual Qualifications, together with the Oath of Office.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 21st day of December 1765.

Present

John Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Mifflin
- Samuel Rhoads
- Isaac Jones
- Daniel Benezet

Common Council Men.
- Alexander Houston
- John Wallace
- John Gibson
- William Bingham
- Amos Strettle
- William Rush
- Joseph Sims
- Joseph Wood
- Edward Shippen, jr
- Townshend White

Alderman Rhoads, Mr Strettle & Mr Sims, are appointed a Committee to settle the Wharfage Account with the Treasurer.

Aldermen Rhoads and Mifflin, are appointed a Committee to renew the Lease of the Middle Ferry to Jonathan Humphries, at the same Rent, and under the same Covenants as heretofore.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers Accot, returned the same; But some Mistakes appearing, it was agreed to defer the further Consideration & Settlement thereof, till the next Meeting of the Board.

William Sheed, praying an Allowance for his Services as Beadle, in summoning the Common Council, &c., It is agreed that he be allowed Fifteen Pounds for the last year and a half.

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The following Persons petitioned for the Remission of Fines:

John Winter, rejected Jane Robertson, remitted Joseph Haynes & Richard Clarke, are ordered to be discharged on giving their Bonds for the Fines & be- ing actually shipt off.	Thomas Burke James West Michael Kelly Ann Winter Francis Hall Elizabeth Steward John Quin	Remitted on Condition they are shipt off & do not return.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 14th day of April, 1766.

Present

John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Mifflin
- Samuel Rhoads
- Isaac Jones
- Thomas Willing
- William Coxe

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- James Tilghman
- John Wallace
- Amos Strettle
- Joseph Wood
- John Allen
- William Rush
- Redm^{d} Cunningham
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Joseph Morris
- Edward Shippen, j^{r}

The Lease of the Potters Field to Jacob Shoemaker, being some time ago expired, and Jasper Carpenter applying to take the same for such time, and on such terms as this Board shall think reasona-

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ble, It is agreed that s^{d} Jasper Carpenter have a Lease thereof for the term of Seven years, at an annual Rent of Ten Pounds; and Mr. Willing, Mr. Coxe & Mr. E. Shippen, j^{r}, are appointed a Committee to get the Lease executed.

Benjamin Shoemaker's Acco^{t} of Wharfage Money being exhibited, a Ballance of £121 14 8 appears to have been due to the City on the 13th day of January last.

Alderman Rhoads, Redmond Cunningham and Joseph Morris are appointed a Committee to inspect the Condition of the public Wharffs, and report what Repairs are necessary, and whether any Lease has been executed by the Tenants.

The Shad and Herring sold at the Market, being in warm weather offensive to the Neighbourhood, the Mayor is requested to direct the Clerk of the Market not to suffer any Stands for the sale of those Fish at the Market, or other place in the City, except at the Fish Market and public Wharffs.

The Petitions of Thomas Orr, John Quin and Alexander Simpson, praying for a Remission of Fines imposed on them in the Mayors Court, are granted.

The Petitions of William Gallagher, Alexander Hanna, Daniel Wigmore, Elizabeth Clark, Thomas Brown and William Bligh, praying for a Remission of Fines, are rejected.

Archibald M^{c}Cormick, Elizabeth Steward, John Miles, Robert Armstrong, Margaret Stevens, Joseph Haines, Francis Hall, Eleanor Lee, Bridget Mooney, James Norton, Thomas Burke, James Brown, Ann Molley and Andrew King, petitioning for a Remission

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of their Fines; It is ordered that they be discharged from Prison on their consenting to be shipt out of the Country and giving Bonds for their Fines.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 23d day of June, 1766.

Present

John Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr Recordr
Thomas Willing
Jacob Duchée
John Stamper
Samuel Rhoads
} Esqrs, Aldermn.

Saml Shoemaker
Septimus Robeson
Willm Rush
Wm Bingham
John Allen
Edwd Shippen, jr
Joseph Wood
John Wallace
Alexr Houston
Saml Morris
Townshd White
} Common Council Men.

The Managers chosen under the late Act of Assembly, for building a House of Employment in this City, applying to have the Alms House Lot Mortgaged for the raising Two thousand pounds agreeable to the said Act; and having satisfied this Board that the Sum of Fifteen hundred pounds is raised by Contribution, as required by the Law; It is agreed that the said Lot be accordingly mortgaged for the purpose aforesaid.

The Street Commissioners apply'd to be paid out of the Surplus of the Warfage Money, the Sum of £140, which they alledge to be due from the City, for building the Stone Wall at the Dock; But

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it appearing by the Treasurer's Acco^{t}, that there remains in his hands only the Sum of £121 14 8 on the Wharfage Acco^{t}, And the Board considering that there are some old Debts due from the City, which ought first to be paid, and that by the report of the Committee appointed to inspect the Condition of the public Wharffs, it appears that several hundred Pounds will be required to put them into good repair, and that some of them must be repaired immediately to prevent their intire Ruin; It is agreed that the Street Commissioners cannot be now paid their demand, but that the said £121 14 8 be applied to the repair of the public Wharffs, as far as it will go: And Samuel Rhoads, Samuel Shoemaker, Joseph Sims, John Gibson, Joseph Morris and William Rush are appointed a Committee to make such Repairs as they shall judge to be most immediately necessary; and are impowered to draw Orders on the Treasurer to defray the Expence.

Captain John M^{c}Pherson having made a Complaint to this Board, against Samuel Garrigues for some Misdemeanors in his Office, as Clerk of the Markett: It is agreed that the Board will hear any evidence that can be given in Support of the said Complaint, and likewise the said Sam^{l} Garrigues in his Defence; Captain M^{c}Pherson first leaving a particular Charge, in Writing, with the Mayor; and when the said Garrigues is furnished with a Copy of the Charge and has had a reasonable time to prepare for his Defence, the Mayor is desired to call a Board to determine thereupon.

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At a Common Council held at Philadeldhia, for the City of Philadelphia, the day of August 1766.

Present

John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Aldermen.

Common Council Men.

Captain John M^{c}Pherson having exhibited Articles of Complaint against Samuel Garrigues, the Clerk of the Markett, The Board proceeded to hear the Prooffs and Allegations, as well of the Complainant as of the said Garrigues, and having maturely considered the same, were of opinion that no prooff appeared of any Misbehaviour in the said Garrigues in his Office of Clerk of the Markett.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 7th day of October 1766.

Present

John Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- William Coxe
- Isaac Jones
- Alexander Stedman
- Thomas Willing
- Samuel Mifflin
- Jose ph Turner

Common Council Men.
- Septimus Robinson
- Thos Cadwallader
- John Wallace

Common Council Men.
- Alexander Houston
- Joseph Morris
- Townshend White
- William Bingham
- William Rush
- John Gibson
- Willm Humphries
- Saml Shoemaker
- Joseph Wood
- John Allen
- James Tilghman
- William Logan
- Edwd Shippen, jr

The Board proceeded, according to the Directions of their Charter, to the Choice of a Mayor for the ensuing Year; And John Lawrence, Esqr, was unanimously re-elected to that Office. A Committee was then appointed to wait on his Honour, the Governor, to know when it would be agreeable to him that this Board should present their Mayor.

A Question was then put whether an Addition should be made to the number of the Common Council Men, which was carried in the Negative.

On a Question, whether any New Aldermen should be a chosen, it was carried in the affirmative, and that the Number should be

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two, Whereupon, Amos Strettle and Samuel Shoemaker were elected Aldermen of this City.

Daniel Benezet, Esq^{r}, having petitioned the Board for Liberty to resign his Office of Alderman, on Acco^{t} of Indisposition, and his necessary Attendance on his private Affairs, His resignation is accordingly accepted.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor having reported that His Honour was ready to receive this Board, they accordingly, in a body, waited on his Honor, and presented their Mayor, who took the usual Qualifications to enable him to enter upon his Office.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia for the City of Philadelphia the 17th day of January 1767.

Present

John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Rec^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Thomas Willing
- Samuel Rhoads
- William Coxe
- Jacob Ducheé
- Amos Strettle

Common Council men.
- Charles Stedman
- Joshua Emlen
- William Bingham
- William Rush
- James Tilghman
- Joseph Wood
- Edward Shippen, j^{r}
- John Allen
- Townshend White
- William Shippen

William Sheed, petitioning for an Allowance to be made him as Beadle of this Corporation; It is agreed to allow him Ten Pounds for his last years services.

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John Finney, Thomas Williams & Mary McIntosh, severally petitioning for the Remission of Fines imposed on them in the Mayors Court: On due Consideration of the Circumstances of their respective Cases, their Petitions are granted.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 22d day of January, 1767.

Present

John Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
Thomas Willing, Esqr
Samuel Rhoads, Esqr
Saml Shoemaker, Esqr
Amos Strettle, Esqr
} Alds.

Joseph Morris
William Bingham
Townshend White
James Tilghman
William Rush
John Gibson
Joseph Wood
John Allen
Edwd Shippen, jr
} Common Council men.

Three Mortgages, for different Parts of the Alms-House Lot were executed, pursuant to an Act of Assembly, for raising Money to erect a House of Employment, vizt: One to Sarah Mifflin for £450—Another to Mary Harrison, for £850—And the other to Joseph Richardson & John Maes, for £700—all bearing date the 23d December, 1766.

Jonathan Humphries, the Tenant of the Middle Ferry on Schuylkill, by his Petition representing that by the late breaking up of the Ice, great Damage has been done to the Wharffs, Boats, &c., belonging to the Ferry, and praying an Allowance from this Board

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towards repairing the same; A committee, to wit: the Mayor, Alderman Rhoads, Alderman Samˡ Shoemaker and Joseph Morris, are appointed to inspect the Condition of the Ferry, &c., and report the Damage that appears to have been done thereto.

The Managers of the House of Employment representing to the Board that they are in great want of Money for the paying off Workmen, &c., for building said House, & requesting this Board to lend them a Sum for that purpose, It is agreed that this being a useful public Work, they will lend the said Managers the Sum of Seven Hundred & fifty pounds for the purpose aforesaid; Which Sum the Treasurer is directed to pay them, on their giving their private Bonds for the same, without Interest.

Archibald McCormick and Sarah Kelton, praying for a Remission of Fines imposed on them in the Mayors Court, their Petitions are granted. Isaac Anderson's Fine is likewise remitted. John Painter's Petition is rejected.

Edward Dillon, Robert Dougherty and John Lynch, praying for a Remission of their Fines, It is agreed that their Petitions be granted on their inlisting in his Majesty's Service, or consenting to be shipt out of the Country, and not returning.

The Fines of Catharine Ramer and Margaret Steward are likewise remitted, on being shipt off, and not returning.

The Committee formerly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accoᵗ, are desired to take back their Report in order to correct some Mistakes appearing therein; And the same Committee, vizᵗ, Alexander Houston, Townshend White and John Gibson, or any two of them, are requested to settle the said Treasurer's Accoᵗ fully to this time.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 1st day of July, 1767.

Present

John Lawrence, Esq^{r} Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Willing
- Tho^{s} Lawrence
- Jacob Duchee
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Alex^{r} Stedman
- Amos Strettle
- Isaac Jones

Common Council Men.
- Charles Stedman
- Joseph Sims
- John Wallace
- William Rush
- Alexander Houston
- James Tilghman
- John Allen
- Edw^{d} Shippen, j^{r}
- Townshend White
- Joseph Wood

The board being called together to execute a Deed for the Alms House Lot, the same was inspected & appearing to want Alterations, It was agreed to meet again on the 6th instant.

Archibald Scott, Patrick Harvey, John Painter & John Lynch, petitioning for a Remission of their fines, their petitions are granted; & also those of Elizabeth West & on being shipt off.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 6th day of July, 1767.

Present

John Lawrence, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Alda.:
Joseph Turner
Isaac Jones
Samuel Shoemaker
John Stamper,
Alexander Stedman
William Coxe
Samuel Mifflin
Thomas Willing
Amos Strettle

Common Council Men.:
Thomas Bond
Phineas Bond
William Shippen
Alexander Houston
Joseph Sims
William Bingham
Joshua Emlen
Townshend White
John Redman
John Gibson
William Rush
James Tilghman
Edwd Shippen, jr

A Deed from this Corporation to the Contributors to the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, was executed in the presence, and with the Consent of the Assessors of the City, who signed the same as Witnesses, agreeable to the Act of Assembly for that purpose made,—And the Mortgages executed on the 22d day of January last, to Sarah Mifflin, Mary Harrison and Joseph Richardson, & John Maes, were delivered up & cancelled, the same appearing to have been discharged by the said Contributors.

Benjamin Shoemaker, Esqr, the Treasurer of this Corporation, being lately dead, and Notice having been given to the members, of the Election of a New Treasurer on this day, The Board accordingly proceeded to the Choice of one; But previously thereto, It

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was unanimously agreed, That for the future every Treasurer shall give Bond, with sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, for the faithful Discharge of his Office. After which, Samuel Shoemaker, Esquire, was elected our Treasurer by a Majority of Votes.

The Committee formerly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Account, are desired to proceed in that Business, and to make their Report at the next Meeting of this Board. And the Treasurer for the future is to exhibit his Account on the first tuesday in October, yearly.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 6th day of October 1767.

Present

John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, May^{r}		William Logan	Common Council Men.
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}		William Shippen	
Joseph Turner, Esq^{r}	Aldermen.	Thomas Bond	
Jacob Duché, Esq^{r}		John Gibson	
Isaac Jones, Esq^{r}		Joseph Wood	
Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}		James Tilghman	
Samuel Mifflin, Esq^{r}		Will^{m} Bingham	
William Coxe, Esq^{r}		John Wallace	
Sam^{l} Shoemaker, Esq^{r}		Townshend White	
Amos Strettle, Esq^{r}		Alexander Houston	
Thomas Willing, Esq^{r}		Joseph Morris	
		William Rush	
		Edw^{d} Shippen, j^{r}	
		John Redman	

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The Board, pursuant to their Charter, proceeded to the Choice of a Mayor for the ensuing Year, and Alderman Isaac Jones was elected to that Office.

Upon a motion that an Addition be made to the Aldermen and Common Council Men, it was agreed that One new Alderman, and Eight Common Council Men should be elected. Whereupon, John Gibson was chosen Alderman, and Andrew Allen, James Allen, Joshua Howell, William Fisher, William Parr, Joseph Swift, John Wilcock and George Clymer, were chosen Common Council Men.

A Committee was then appointed to wait on his Honour, the Governor, to know when it would be agreeable to him that this Board should present their new Mayor to take the Qualifications.

It was agreed to be a standing Rule, that the Treasurer present his Account to this Board Yearly, on the day appointed for the choice of Mayor.

It was likewise agreed that a Power of Attorney be given to Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, the present Treasurer, to enable him to recover any Debts due to the Corporation.

The Report of a Committee formerly appointed to view the Damage done to the Middle Ferry by the last Winter's Ice and Floods, was read; and they being of Opinion that an Allowance of One hundred Pounds should be made to the Tenant out of his Rent on Account of his Loss, the same was agreed to by the Board.

Two Persons applying to rent the public Ground & Wharffs near the Drawbridge, It was agreed that Robert Lumsden, one of the Applyers, should have the same at the Rent of Sixty Pounds per annum; And that the Treasurer take his Security.

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The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor returned, and reported that his Honour was then ready to receive the Board; Whereupon, the Members in a Body attended the Mayor elect to the Governor's House, where the usual Qualifications, with the Oath of Office, were administered to him in his Honours Presence.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 4th day of December 1767.

Present

Isaac Jones, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen.
John Lawrence Esqr
William Allen, Esqr
Samuel Rhoads, Esqr
William Coxe, Esqr
Saml Shoemaker, Esqr
John Gibson, Esqr

Common Council Men.
Townshend White
James Tilghman
Daniel Benezet
William Rush
Joshua Howell
William Fisher
John Wallace
Joseph Swift
Edward Shippen, jr

It having been agreed at a Meeting of the Members of this Board, in the Absence of the Recorder, that an Entertainment should be given to his Excellency, General Gage, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in North America, on his Arrival in this City, and the same having been accordingly done, The Board do now approve thereof, and order that the Expence thereof, amounting to £159 6 0, be paid by the Treasurer.

The Recorder, Mr Tilghman and Mr Shippen, are appointed a Committee to consider a Letter sent to this Board from the

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Select Men of Boston, recommending Measures similar to those taken in that Place for lessening the consumption of foreign Superfluities, and encreasing the Manufactures of the Country, and to make a Draft of a proper Answer thereto, agreeable to the Sentiments of the Board expressed on the Occasion, and to lay the same before the Board at their next Meeting for their further Consideration.

The Treasurer's Acco^{t}, as settled by the Committee, was returned, but some Mistakes appearing therein, The Committee are desired to take the same again into their Consideration, and make the necessary Alterations therein. And the same Committee are desired likewise to settle the Wharfage Acco^{t}, And to return both Acco^{ts} at the next meeting of the Board.

William Sheed, on his Petition, is allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds for a Years Service as Beadle.

The Fine of Eleanor Sims, a Servant Girl of John Gass, imposed in the Mayor's Court, on a Conviction of Larceny, is remitted.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 22d day of December 1767.

Present

Isaac Jones, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr
Samuel Mifflin, Esqr
Samuel Rhoads, Esqr
Amos Strettle, Esqr
John Gibson, Esqr
} Aldermen.

William Allen
Thomas Willing
James Tilghman
Townshend White
Joseph Swift
William Rush
John Wallace
William Parr
Edwd Shippen, jr
} Common Council Men.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to the Letter received from the Select Men of Boston, presented a Draft thereof to the Board, which, after a few Alterations, was unanimously approved of, and is as follows:

" Philadelphia, December the 22d 1767.

" Gentlemen,

" We were favoured with your Letter of the „ Ninth of November last, and thankfully acknowledge your kind „ Intentions of communicating to us the Votes of your Town Meet- „ ing of the 28th of October, which, however, you omitted to en- „ close, but we take for granted are the same as inserted in your „ public papers.

" We desire that you will be assured of our having a due Re- „ gard to the general Interest of the Colonies, which we conceive „ cannot be more effectually served than by diffusing a Spirit of In-

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„ dustry and Frugality : But, however the particular Circumstances „ of your Place may require any *public* Measures to be taken for „ that purpose, we do not see the Expediency of adopting them here, „ more especially in the present critical Situation of American Af- „ fairs. Yet, altho we cannot on this Occasion think the Steps you „ have taken altogether suitable to our Circumstances, we shall „ always wish to see, and endeavour by every Expedient to promote „ the general Union of the Colonies, so essential to the Preservation „ of their Liberties.

Signed at a Common Council,
By order of the Board,
Isaac Jones, Mayor.

To

Joseph Jackson
Samuel Sewall
John Ruddock
John Hancock
W^m Phillips
Tim^o Shewell
John Rouce, Esq^rs

} Select Men of Boston.

The Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of this Board with the late Treasurer, are desired to finish the same, and to demand the Ballance from the Executors of Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^r, and to give their Receipt for the same in behalf of this Board.

The Fines imposed in the Mayors Court on John Lynch, Elizabeth Vessell, Redmond M^cGuire, Isaac Beaty, Patrick Malcom, Catharine Cannon, Rose Welsh, Peter Cahill, Benjamin Benson, Margaret M^cIntosh, Barbara Fox, Eleanor Sims, Philip Kemnely,

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John Caton, Patrick Burk, Thomas Cox, Catharine Rainer, William Bates, John Cunningham, and James Scott, are remitted.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 27th day of May 1768.

Present

Isaac Jones, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recor
Samuel Mifflin, Esqr
William Coxe, Esqr
Samuel Rhoads, Esqr
Saml Shoemaker, Esqr
Jacob Duchée, Esqr
Amos Strettle, Esqr
John Gibson, Esqr
} Aldermen.

James Tilghman
Joseph Sims
John Wilcocks
} Common Council Men.

Andrew Allen
Willm Fisher
Willm Bingham
William Rush
Alexander Houston
Thomas Cadwallader
Edward Shippen, jr
Thomas Bond
Joseph Swift
Joseph Wood
James Allen
Charles Stedman
William Parr
Samuel Morris
} Common Council Men.

The Committee appointed to Settle the late Treasurer's Accots, laid the same before the Board, together with such Objections as had occurred to them. The Board after due Consideration, agreed to allow the said Account, except one Article only, vizt, a Charge of 2½ p Cent Commissions on the Sum of £700 lent by this Corporation to the Managers of the House of Employment, and on the sum of £100 lent to the County Commissioners, without Interest, which Article is disallowed on a Vote. The Committee are re-

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quested to settle the Account accordingly, and to solicit the Payment of the Ballance from the Executors of the said Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^r.

The following Committee are appointed to settle the Account with the Street Commissioners, for carrying up the Wall near the Dock, and to draw an Order on the Treasurer for the Ballance, to be paid out of the Surplus of the Wharfage Money, to wit, Aldermen Duchée and Rhoads and William Fisher, who are also appointed a Committee to inspect the Condition of the public Wharffs, particularly at the Draw-Bridge, and to report what Repairs are necessary, and to make an Estimate of the Expence — And to fix the Boundaries of the Premises leased to Lumsdale.

A small Repair to the Wooden Bridge near the Drawbridge having been found immediately necessary for the Safety of the Inhabitants, and John Goodwin having made the Same at the Instance of Some of the Members of this Board, It is agreed that his Account, amounting to £6 3 0, shall be paid by the Treasurer; But this is not to be considered as a Precedent for making any future Repairs, that being the proper Business of the Assessors, in Conjunction with the Magistrates of the City.

The following Petitions from Prisoners for Remission of Fines were Considered, and those of Adam Layer, Jacob Pfister and Elizabeth Leman, are granted, and those of Richard West, John Campbell, Cornelius Carrigan, Redmond M^cGuire, Mary Gibbons, Alice Cook, Miles Nutbrown, John Harrison, William Bates, Elizabeth Dawson, and Sarah Helter, are likewise granted, but on this express Condition, that they be shipt off, and do not return to this Province.

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At a Common Council held at Philad[a] the 21[st] July 1768.

Present

Isaac Jones, Esq[r], Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq[r], Record[r]
Thomas Willing
Samuel Mifflin
Jacob Duchée
Sam[l] Shoemaker
Amos Strettel
} Esq[rs], Aldermen.

James Tilghman
Joseph Wood
William Bingham
William Rush
William Fisher
William Parr
John Wallace
Alexander Houston
Edw[d] Shippen, j[r]
} Common Council Men.

It is agreed that the Treasurer pay the Street Commissioners the Expence of putting up posts, and making a Gutter & pavement before the Lot of Ground in Chesnut Street to the Eastward of the State House, belonging to this Corporation.

Agreed that Chains he made and put up across Markett Street and Second Street, about Sixty feet from the Intersection of the Streets, so as to prevent Carts and other Carriages passing thro' the Market on Market days, to be taken down at nine o'Clock in the morning in Summer and ten in Winter; Alderman Shoemaker and William Rush are appointed to get it done.

William Parr, the late Sheriff, allowed twenty five Pounds four Shillings for the Expence of Shipping off four notorious Rogues confined for Felonies.

The Committee appointed to inspect the Condition of the public Wharffs returned their Report, which underwent the Consideration of the Board, who agreed that the public Wharf at the Drawbridge

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be extended about thirty or thirty two feet further into the River, And Aldermen Willing & Rhoads, and Mr. Bingham, are appointed a Committee to get it done.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 4th day of October 1768.

Present

Isaac Jones, Esqr, Mayor

Esquires, Aldermen.

- Samuel Mifflin
- John Lawrence
- Jacob Duchée
- Saml Shoemaker
- William Coxe
- Amos Strettle
- Thomas Willing
- John Gibson

Common Council Men.

- Thomas Bond
- Joseph Wood
- James Allen
- Joseph Swift
- Joshua Howell
- William Fisher
- William Parr
- William Bingham
- William Rush
- William Humphries
- Alexander Houston
- Edward Shippen, jr

This being the day appointed by Charter for electing a Mayor for the ensuing Year, and the Recorder being necessarially absent from the Province, The Mayor, with eight Aldermen and twelve Common Council Men, met at the Court House and proceeded to the Choice for a Mayor, and unanimously voted in the late Mayor, Isaac Jones, Esquire, to that Office; After which, the Board attended the Mayor elect to the House of Joseph Turner, Esqr, where He took the Qualifications required by Law before the President

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and Council, who were in the Exercise of the Powers of Government on account of the absence of his Honor the Governor.

Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, the Treasurer, delivered in his Account, agreeable to a standing Order of the Board, requiring the Treasurer's Acco^{t} to be delivered, regularly, every year on the day appointed for the Choice of a Mayor, which Acco^{t} is to be considered at the next Meeting of the Board.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 28th day of November 1768.

Present

Isaac Jones, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Jacob Duchée
- Samuel Mifflin
- John Stamper
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Amos Strettle
- John Gibson

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- Samuel Morris
- Joseph Swift

Common Council Men.
- William Humphries
- James Allen
- Joshua Howell
- Charles Stedmen
- Edw^{d} Shippen, j^{r}
- Joseph Wood
- John Wallace
- William Fisher
- Andrew Allen
- William Bingham
- Townshend White
- William Rush
- William Parr

The Treasurers Account, delivered on the 4th day of October last, was taken into Consideration, and the following Committee

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were appointed to inspect the Vouchers, and settle the same, viz^{t}, John Gibson, Townshend White and Joseph Swift.

It is ordered by the Board, that those persons who owe money to this Corporation on Bond, be applied to by the Treasurer to discharge the Interest due thereon, and to give real Security for their respective Debts, and in Case of failure, that the principal & Interest be immediately called in.

It is ordered that the Treasurer do, for the future, pay to the Beadle of this Corporation, Ten pounds per annum for his Services, without any particular application from time to time to the Board.

Archibald Hathorn's Fine remitted.

The Committee appointed to inspect and settle the Accounts depending with the late Treasurer, Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, Report,

That Joshua Byrne still owes the Ballance of . . . £ 20 0 0

That the Ballance due from Jonathan Humphries, 18 July, 1765, yet remains . . . . . £ 25 0 0

But that he has paid the Treasurer Rent from the said 18th July, 1765, to the 18th January, 1766, being 1½ years, at £200 per ann, ...

That Rebecca Rawle is chargeable with two years Rent of the Ferry, due 26th March, 1766, at £30 pr an, £60 0 0
and has paid the Treasurer 30 0 0
——— 30 0 0

That Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, has paid two years Rent of his stand, due the 12th October, 1766, at £25 p ann, ... £50 0 0

That Jonathan Hoods Acco^{t} being erroniously settled, the following is a true state thereof.

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The sum reported to be due was £52 10 0
from which should have been
deducted an Ord^{r} of Tho^{s} Wil-
ling, Esq^{r}, for Repairs of his
Wharff, ... 7 10 0
———— £45 0 0
Since which settlement he is chargeable
with two years Rent, due 12th febry, 1767,
at £30 per annum. 60 0 0
———— 105 0 0

Note, for the £45, the Treasurer has Hood & Winters Bond.

That Samuel Austin's Ballance at last settlem^{t}
was 60 0 0
to w^{ch} is to be added 1 years Rent,
due 1 July, 1767, ... 30 0 0
———— 90 0 0
of which he has paid the Treasurer . 60 0 0
———— 30 0 0

That Jacob Shoemaker has paid a years Rent for the Potters
field, due 28th November, 1765, at which time he gave
it up, ... £10 0 0

That Sarah Paschall's Ballance yet remains due, being . 30 0 0

That Samuel Garrigues has paid the Treasurer the following Rents.
for 64 Stalls West of the Court House, due 25th
Dec^{r}, 1765, at 80^{s}, ... £192 0 0
for 26 in the Jersey market, due 28th Nov^{r}, 1765,
at 80^{s}, ... £104 0 0
for 20 in the same Market, at 60^{s}, . . 60 0 0
———— 164 0 0

Amount carried forward, £356 0 0

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Amount brought forward,		£356 0 0
from which is to be deducted £88 1 2, accounted for in the last settlement with the Treasurer, . .		88 1 2
		267 18 10
for the Rent of 66 Stalls to the Westw^{d}, due 25 Dec., 1766, ...	£198 – –	
and to the Eastw^{d}, 26 at 80^{s}, & 20 at 60^{s}, due 28 Nov, 1766, ...	164 – –	
	362 – –	
from whence deduct his Com^{s} for receiving the first sum of £356, & paying £322 at 5 p C, ...	£33 17 3	
and for receiving the further sum of £362, and paying £327 10 6 at 5 p C, ...	34 9 6	
	68 6 9	
		293 13 3
		£561 12 1

That William Parr, Esq^{r}, late Sheriff, has paid for Fines £100 0 0

That the Treasurer has paid the Managers of the House of Employment, on their Bond, without Interest, £750.

The following is a brief state of the late Treasurers Acco^{t}.

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D^r. The Estate of Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq^r, deceased, with the Corporation. C^r.

To the ball due on Settlem^t Aug^t, 1765, and for return of Com^e on the sum of £400 lent the provinc^l Commiss^rs, . . .	£693	0	8½	By Sundry Orders of the Board, paid,	£694	11	5
To Sundry Rents rec^d since the Sett^lt £961 12 1, & Sam^l Austins Bond £60,	1021	12	1	paid Managers of H^e of Employment, .	750	0	0
To the Fines paid by the Sheriff, . . .	100	0	0	By Commissions, viz^t,			
To the Money repaid on D. Williams Bond, a County Commissioner, . .	100	0	0	receiving Rents, & Austins ball, 1021 12 1			
				on paying orders of the Board, 1444 11 5			
				on receiving from D. Williams, 100 0 0			
				on money rec^d from the Sheriff, 100 0 0			
	£1924	12	9½	2666 3 1			
To the above Ball brought down, . .	413	8	4½	At 2½ p Cent, ...	66	13	1
				Ball^e due to the Corporation, ...	413	8	4½
					£1924	12	9½
To charge of Comm^s on £750, lent the managers of the H^e of Employm^t, & on £100 lent Co^y Comm^rs, disallow'd by y^e Board 27^th May, 1767, . . .	21	5	0	By Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^r, for the Ballance of this Acc^ot, paid him the 21^st July, 1768, ...	434	13	4½
	£434	13	4½		£434	13	4½

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And for the following Sums presented for erecting a public Building.

To the Ballance due at Settlem^{t}, 1765, .	£389	1 5	By Commissions for receiving £39, Interest			
on w^{h} M^{r} Shoemaker agreed to allow an			from Cox, 2½ p C^{t}, ...		£0 19 6	
Interest, & is therefore calculated to the			Ballance due on this Acco^{t}, ...		473 15 3	
4th Augst, 1767,—2 years, . . .	46	13 4				
To Interest rece^{d} on Cox's Mortgage, .	39	0 0			£474	17 9
	£474	17 9				
To the above Ballance, ...	473	15 3	By Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, for this Bal-			
To Interest on this Sum from 4th Augst,			lance, paid him 21st July, 1768, . .		495	15 9
1767, to 14 July, 1768—11 m^{o} 10 days,						
at 6 p Ct, ...	22	0 6				
	£495	15 9			£495	15 9

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State of this Fund.

The above Ballance paid Sam[l] Shoemaker, Esq[r], the present Treasurer, ... 495 15 9

Baltas Raisor & J. Lukens, their Bond dated 18[th] Oct, 1746, for . . £150 0 0

2 years Interest due the 18[th] Oct, 1776, ... 18 0 0

———— 168 0 0

Nicholas Bower & M. Hellegas, their d[o] dated 31 Aug[t], 1749, 81 12 0

2 years Interest due the 31[st] Aug[t], 1766, . . . 9 15 10

———— 91 7 10

William Dewees & Ch. Robins, their d[o] dated 26 July, 1750, 73 11 9

3 years Int[st], due the 26 July, 1766, ... 13 5 0

———— 86 16 9

John Cox's Mortgage dated 1 June, 1759, ... 325 0 0

2 years Interest due 1 June, 1767, ... 39 0 0

———— 364 0 0

———— 710 4 7

£1206 0 4

Signed by

John Gibson

Alexander Houston

Townshend White.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 9th day of January, 1769.

Present

Isaac Jones, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Esquires, Aldermen.
- John Lawrence
- Thomas Willing
- Samuel Mifflin,
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Rhoads
- Samuel Shoemaker
- John Gibson
- Amos Strettle
- Jacob Duché

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- James Tilghman
- Joseph Wood
- John Wallace
- Joshua Howell
- Andrew Allen
- James Allen
- William Rush
- Joshua Emlen
- William Fisher
- William Humphries
- Edward Shippen, junr
- John Redman
- Townshend White
- Charles Stedman

The Mayor laid before the Board, for their Consideration, a Paper which he had received from a Committee of Assembly, A copy whereof is as follows:

"In Assembly
"Janry 6th 1769, A. M.

"Ordered,

"That Mr Fox, Mr Liverey, Mr Pemberton, Mr Chapman, "Mr Ashbridge, Mr Pearson & Mr George Ross, be a "Committee to inform the Corporation that the House is "desirous to facilitate & promote the Trade of the City

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"of Philadelphia, by making the Middle Ferry on Schuyl-
"kill a free Ferry, or otherwise to appropriate the neat
"proceeds thereof to the Amendment of the Roads, as
"shall be thought conducive to the Promotion of such
"Trade, and to confer with the said Corporation respect-
"ing the Sale of the said Ferry to the public.

Extract from the Journals,
Cha^{s} Moore, Cl^{k} of
Assembly.

The Board having deliberated thereupon, Ordered, That the Recorder, M^{r} Willing, M^{r} Shoemaker, M^{r} Strettell, M^{r} Tilghman, M^{r} Fisher and M^{r} Edward Shippen, jr, be a Committee to confer with the Committee of Assembly, on the subject of their Proposal to purchase the Middle Ferry on Schuylkill.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 4th day of February 1769.

Present

Isaac Jones, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- William Coxe, Esq
- John Lawrence, Esq
- Thomas Willing, Esq
- Samuel Shoemaker, Esq
- Samuel Rhoads, Esq
- John Gibson, Esq
- Samuel Mifflin, Esq

Common Council Men.
- James Tilghman
- Joseph Swift
- William Fisher
- William Rush
- Edward Shippen jr
- John Allen
- Joseph Wood
- Andrew Allen
- James Allen
- William Humphries
- John Wallace

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The Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of Assembly relating to the Proposal to purchase the Middle Ferry of this Corporation, having made their Report, The Board were of opinion that the further Consideration of the same should be deferred till the House of Assembly should come to some fixed Resolution concerning the proposed Purchase, But in the mean time the Board do agree that if the House of Assembly shall hereafter settle such a plan with regard to the Ferry and the Roads leading to it, as shall, in the opinion of this Board, be of Public Utility, they will then enter into Treaty with them concerning the Sale of it.

Bernard McCullough petitioning for the Remission of certain Fines incurred by the breach of an Ordinance of the Corporation in leaving Wood upon the public Wharffs a longer time than is permitted by the said Ordinance, And the Mayor informing the Board that the said Bernard McCullough was a poor man, and had not wilfully broke the said Ordinance, the Fines are agreed to be remitted.

Andrew Hayward petitioning for the Remission of a fine imposed on him in the Mayor's Court for selling spirituous Liquors without a Licence, His petition is rejected.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 26th day of August 1769.

Present

Isaac Jones, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq, Recorder
Aldermen.
Thomas Willing, Esqr
William Coxe, Esqr
Samuel Shoemaker, Esq
Jacob Duché, Esq
John Gibson, Esq

Common Council Men.
William Logan
Joshua Howell
James Allen
Joseph Wood
William Fisher
Andrew Allen
John Wallace
William Rush
James Tilghman
Daniel Benezet
Townshend White
Edwd Shippen, jr

Samuel Rhoads and Joseph Russel, exhibiting their Appeal to this Board from an Order lately made by the Regulators of this City, for the laying out and regulating the foundations and Party Walls of certain Buildings erected, or proposed to be erected on a 62 feet Lot of Ground adjoining the South Side of Pine Street, extending from front Street Eastward into the River Delware: The Board, on considering the Act of Assembly, intitled "An Act for regulating Party Walls, Buildings and Partition Fences in the City of Philadelphia," do agree to receive the said Appeal; and do appoint Saturday the 16th day of September next, to hear the Parties concerned, and their Witnesses, of which the Appellants are to give notice to Robert Montgomery or his Attorneys in fact, and all others concerned, and to furnish them with a Copy of their Petition.

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The Petition of Edward Williams for the Remission of a fine imposed on him in the Mayor's Court, is granted. And the Petitions of Mary Berry, Elizabeth Donagho, John Harrison, Samuel Yeardly, James Taylor, James Boucher, Thomas Burns, Mary Heath, Elizabeth West, Benjamin Benson, Charles Ditchman, Peter Dwyer, John Renshaw. John Monday, and Richard Graham, alias Grimes, for the Remission of their fines, are likewise granted on Condition that they transport themselves out of the Province. Peter Cahill's petition is rejected.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 3d day of October 1769.

Present

Isaac Jones, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Thomas Willing, Esq
- Samuel Mifflin Esq
- William Coxe, Esq
- John Lawrence, Esq
- Thomas Lawrence, Esq
- John Gibson, Esq
- Jacob Duché, Esq
- Samuel Shoemaker, Esqr
- Amos Strettle, Esqr

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- James Tilghman
- William Shippen
- Joshua Howell
- James Allen
- William Fisher
- William Rush
- Alexander Houston
- Townshend White
- John Redman
- John Wallace
- Joseph Wood
- Joseph Swift
- Edward Shippen, jr
- John Inglis
- Thomas Bond

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The Treasurer's Acco^{t} to the 1st October 1768, as settled by the Committee, was returned, and approved.

The Treasurer, Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, delivered in his Acco^{t} to the 1st October 1769, agreeable to the standing order of the Board, and the same was referred to the Consideration of the following Committee, viz^{t}: John Gibson, Alexander Houston, and Townshend White, who are likewise requested to settle the Wharfage Acco^{t}, and report thereupon at the next Meeting of the Board.

Robert Lumsden, the person who rents the public Landings near the Drawbridge, having set forth in a petition to the Board, that the Dock is become almost useless for want of being cleaned out, and that some persons in the neighbourhood have lately made some Reparations which are injurious to the Navigation of the Dock, The following Committee were appointed to examine into this Complaint viz^{t}, M^{r} Duché, M^{r} Fisher, M^{r} Howell and M^{r} Rush, who are likewise to inspect the Condition of all the public Wharffs and public Landings, and report what Reparations are necessary.

The Same Committee are likewise appointed to Consider of proper places for fixing public Scales for weighing of Hay near the upper and lower Ends of the town.

M^{r} Mifflin, M^{r} Wood and M^{r} Joseph Swift, are appointed a Committee to get the Stalls to the Eastward of the Court House continued to front Street, and are impowered to draw Orders on the Treasurer to defray the expence.

The Board proceeded to the Choice of a New Mayor, agreeable to their Charter, And Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, was duly elected to that Office for the ensuing Year, And the members in a Body attended the Mayor elect to his Honor, the Governor's, where the ne-

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cessary Qualifications were administered to enable him to enter upon the Exercise of the said Office.

Samuel Yerly's Petition for a Remission of his fine, granted. John Kelly's, rejected.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 27th day of November 1767.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder
Aldermen.
Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}
Jacob Duché, Esq^{r}
Samuel Rhoads, Esq^{r}
Amos Strettel, Esq^{r}
John Gibson, Esq^{r}

Common Council Men.
Alexander Houston
Samuel Morris
William Logan
Joseph Wood
William Fisher
William Rush
Charles Stedman
George Clymer
Joshua Howell
Townshend White
John Wallace
Tho^{s} Cadwallader
Edward Shippen, j^{r}
John Redman

Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Logan & Mr. Clymer are appointed a Committee to inquire into the State of the New Market on the Hill, what Rents are paid for the Stalls, and to whom, and whether the persons who built the Stalls are yet reimbursed out of the Rents.

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An Account, amounting to £48 7 8, was delivered in by Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Rush for repairing three fire Engines, said to belong to the Corporation, Whereupon the same Gentlemen, together with Mr. Duché and Mr. Fisher, are appointed to examine the Condition of the said Engines, and Whether they are properly repaired.

James Dunlope's Acco^{t} for paving the New Markett, amounting to £41 13 6, And the Street Commissioner's Acco^{t} for posting the same, amounting to £12 2 4, were laid before the Board, And Mr. Gibson, Mr. Wood and Mr. Swift are desired to get the Work measured, and on their reporting to the Treasurer that the Acco^{ts} are just, he is directed to pay them.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 27th day of April 1770.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}
- Thomas Willing, Esq^{r}
- Samuel Mifflin, Esq^{r}
- Jacob Duché, Esq^{r}
- Samuel Rhoads, Esq^{r}

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- James Tilghman
- Joseph Swift
- George Clymer
- Joseph Sims
- William Rush
- Townshend White
- William Fisher
- Andrew Allen
- Edw^{d} Shippen, j^{r}
- Joseph Wood

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The Sun-fire Company applying to the Board to permit their Fire Engine to stand in one of the new houses at the East End of the Stalls to the Eastward of the Court house; It is agreed to grant their Request on Condition that the Engine be kept in good order fit for use, and be removed from thence whenever this Board shall hereafter think proper to order it.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the City was read, setting forth that the Water Street Drawbridge had lately fallen in, by the foundations giving way, to the great danger and Inconvenience of the Inhabitants, and praying Relief from this Board — The same was taken into consideration, and after some time, it was agreed that the Mayor call a Meeting of the Magistrates and Assessors of the City, in order to propose the laying a tax for erecting a substantial Stone Bridge across the Dock in Water Street.

The Committee appointed to inspect the Condition of the public Wharffs made their Report, whereby it appears that sundry Repairs are necessary, which this Board will take into their Consideration at their next Meeting.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 28th day of May 1770.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Aldermen.
- Isaac Jones, Esqr
- Samuel Mifflin, Esqr
- William Coxe, Esqr
- Samuel Rhoads, Esqr

Common Council Men.
- Joseph Sims
- William Logan
- Joseph Wood
- James Allen

Common Council Men.
- Joshua Howell
- Alexander Houston
- Andrew Allen
- Edward Shippen, jr
- William Rush
- Townshend White
- Charles Stedman
- Samuel Morris
- John Redman
- Joseph Swift
- John Wallace

The Recorder reported to the Board, that agreeable to their order at the last Meeting, The Magistrates had had a Conference with the City Assessors, relating to the proposal for erecting a Bridge across the dock in Water Street, & That the said Assessors had refused to concur with them in laying a tax for that purpose, unless from an Inspection into the State of the Funds of this Corporation, it should appear there was not a sufficient Sum in their hands to defray the Expence thereof: The Board taking this Report into their Consideration, were clearly of Opinion That they were under no Obligation to apply the funds of this Corporation to the erecting the said Bridge, the Act of Assembly expressly directing that the Magistrates of the City, in Conjunction with the Assessors should, from time to time, lay a tax on the Inhabitants of the City for such like public purposes; That, therefore, the Claim of the said Assessors to inspect the State of our funds, was new and without any

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foundation in right. However, the Board agreed that they would some time hence resume the Consideration of the petition mentioned in the Minutes of the last Meeting; And in the mean time, desired Mr. Rhoads & Mr. Sims to agree with some person to put up a fence sufficient to prevent any personal danger to people passing that way.

The following persons petitioned for remission of their Fines, viz^{t}:

Remitted:
- Archibald Wiseman
- Thomas Brown
- Mary Dunn
- Elizabeth Boyle

James Byrne—remitted on Condition he is shipt off.

Lawrence Osburne—to be discharged on taking his Bond.

Margaret Burton—remitted on Condition she is shipt off.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 31st day of July 1770.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Aldermen:
- Isaac Jones, Esq^{r}
- Samuel Mifflin, Esq^{r}
- Samuel Rhoads, Esq^{r}

Common Council men.
- William Logan
- James Tilghman
- Joseph Sims
- George Clymer
- Joseph Swift
- William Rush
- Joshua Emlen
- Alexander Houston
- Daniel Benezet
- Edw^{d} Shippen, jun^{r}

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The Board resuming the Consideration of the Petition to erect a Bridge across the Dock in Water Street, Agreed that they would repair, build up and put in good Order, the Stone Walls at the place where the wooden Bridge lately stood; But on the question being put, whether a Bridge should also be built at the Expence of this Board, it was carried in the Negative. Mr. Rhoads & Mr. Logan are appointed a Committee to get the Walls erected, & are to draw on the Treasurer for the Expence.

Robert Lumsden petitioning the Board for a Continuance of his Lease of the public Landing at the Drawbridge, It is agreed that he shall have a Lease on the same terms, & for the same term as he last had it, but to have no Liberty to assign his Lease without the Consent of this board.

Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Sims, Mr. Fisher & Mr. Mifflin are appointed a Committee to make an Estimate of the Expence of cleaning out the several Docks and repairing the public Wharffs, distinguishing the Cost of each.

The following persons petitioning for a Remission of their Fines:

Lawrence Ronaldson

John Little
Jane Welsh
Mary Mahar
Lawrence Osborne
Thomas Brown
James Smith
Mary Dunn
Richard Gray
James Burns
John Pomeroy
Mary Reed

} Remitted.

Elizabeth Phillips to be discharged on her giving Bond for the Fine.

Elias Davis's Fine remitted on Condition he is shipt off.

William Wentworth's Petition Rejected.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 2d day of October 1770.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Samuel Mifflin, Esqr
- Thomas Lawrence Esqr
- John Lawrence, Esqr
- Isaac Jones, Esqr
- Thomas Willing, Esqr
- Joseph Turner, Esqr
- Samuel Rhoads, Esqr
- Amos Strettle, Esqr
- John Gibson, Esqr

Common Council Men.
- William Shippen
- William Logan
- Phineas Bond

Common Council Men.
- Thomas Bond
- James Tilghman
- John Redman
- Joseph Wood
- William Fisher
- Townshend White
- Joshua Howell
- Andrew Allen
- James Allen
- John Wilcocks
- John Wallace
- George Clymer
- William Rush
- William Parr
- Edward Shippen, junr

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's last years Accot, now make their Report, which, being considered, is approved of, and ordered to be entered in this Book.

The Treasurer, Samuel Shoemaker, Esq, exhibited his present years Accot with this Corporation, and the same is referr'd to the following Committee for their Report thereon, vizt, Mr Gibson, Mr Houston and Mr White.

This being the day appointed by Charter for the Election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, the Board proceeded to that Business, and reelected Samuel Shoemaker, Esqr, to that Office.

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It being agreed to choose three new Aldermen, and Six new Common Council Men, James Allen, Joshua Howell and William Fisher, Esq^rs, were elected Aldermen, and Joseph Shippen, junior, John Cadwallader, Samuel Powell, Alexander Wilcocks, Stephen Carmick and Peter Chevalier, Common Council Men.

The Board then attended the Mayor elect to his Honour, the Governor's, where he took the Qualifications necessary to enable him to enter upon the Exercise of his Office.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's Acco^t, Report as follows:

	Receed.	due.
That Jonathan Humphries has paid one years Rent of the middle Ferry on Schuylkil, due 18^th July, 1769, ...	200 00 0	
That the Executors of Francis Rawle have paid a years Rent of the old ferry on Delaware, due 25^th March, 1769, ...	30 00 0	
That Thomas Lawrence, Esq^r, has paid a years Rent of his Stand under the Court House, due 12^th Octob., 1768, ...	25 00 0	
That Robert Lumsden has paid a years Rent of the Blue Anchor landing, due 12^th July, 1769, ...	30 00 0	
That Sarah Austin has paid the Ballance due at last Settlm^t, ...	30 00 0	
but owes a years Rent of the New ferry, due 1^st July, 1769, ...		30 0 0
Amounts carried forward,	£315 00 0	£30 0 0

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Amounts brought forward,			£315	00 0	£30 0 0
That Jonathan Hoods Ballance remains as at last Settlm^{t}, ...					120 0 0
That Jasper Carpenter has paid a years Rent of the Potters field, due 14th of April, 1769,			10	00 0	
That Samuel Garrigues has paid a years rent of the Stalls, viz,					
46 in Jersey market, due 26 Nov., 1768,					
26 at 80^{s}, 26 at 60^{s}, . . .		164 0 0			
66 at the West end of the Court Ho, due 25 Dec^{r}, d^{o} at 60^{s} .		198 0 0			
		362 0 0			
deduct his Commissions for receiving £362, and paying £327 18, at 5 p Cent., . .		34 9 3			
			327	10 9	
That the Treasurer has received from Joseph Redman, Esq^{r}, Sheriff, the fines by him Collected, (p acco^{t},) . .	£106	8 0			
allowed him for the Whippers Salary, 2 years, at £10 p. ann., . . .	£20	00 0			
for fire wood for the Court house, . .		15 0			
his Commissions for collecting £83 11 3, at 2½ p. c., .		2 1 9			
		22 16 9			
			83	11 3	
Amounts carried forward,			£736	2 0	£150 0 0

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Amounts brought forward,	£736 2 0	£150 0 0
That William Parr, Esq[r], late Sheriff, has not accounted for any fines since the last Report.		
That the Bond given by the Managers of the House of Employment, remains in the Treasurer's hands, ...		750 0 0
That the Ballance due from Jonathan Humphries, remains, ...		25 0 0
		£925 0 0
	£736 2 0	

Note. the Ballance due from Joshua Burns is not brought forward.

The following is a brief State of the Treasurers Acco[t].

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Dr. Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^r, to the Corporation. Cr.

To Ballance remaining at last settlem^t, the 1^st October, 1768,	£	705	15	10	By Sundry Payments by order of the Mayor, Taxes & Salaries,	£	320	4	4
To Sundry Rents and Ballances reced, p acc^o on the other side,		652	10	9	Paid to William Rush, fixing chains in the market,			7	6
To Fines reced of Joseph Redman,		83	11	3	Paid Ja^s Dunlap, pav^g by y^e State house,		13	9	4
					Paid R. Mason, repairing fire Engine,		15	5	9
					By the Treasurer's Commissions, receiving the sum of £736 2 00				
					paying 349 6 11				
							1085	8	11
					at 2½ p Cent.,		27	2	8
					Ballance due to the Corporation,		1065	8	
	£	1441	17	10		£	1441	17	10

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Dr. Samuel Shoemaker, Esquire, to the Corporation, for monies presented for a Public Building. Cr.

To Ballance in his hands 1 Oct°, 1768,	£ 2	6	3	By the Treasurer's Commission, receiving			
For 5 years Interest on Bower & Hillegas,				£102 9 7, on this Acco^{t}, a 2½ p C^{t}.,	£ 2	11	2½
Bond due 31 Aug^{t}, 1769, ...	24	9	7	Ballance due this fund, ...	102	4	7½
For d° on Resor & Lukens Bond, 1 year,							
due 18 Oct°, 1765, ...	9	0	0				
For 2 years d° of John Cox's Mortg^{e},							
due the 1st June, 1769, ...	39	0	0				
For 1 years D° of James Benezet, due							
1st Aug^{t}, 1769, ...	30	0	0				
	£ 104	15	10		£ 104	15	10

Philadelphia, October 1, 1770.

Signed by John Gibson,
Alex^{r} Houston,
Townshend White.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 27th day of April 1771.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Willing
- John Lawrence
- Samuel Mifflin
- Jacob Duché
- John Gibson
- James Allen
- William Fisher

Common Council Men.
- Charles Stedman
- Stephen Carmick
- Joshua Howell
- William Rush
- John Wilcocks
- Samuel Powell
- Joseph Wood
- George Clymer
- Joseph Swift
- Joseph Shippen, junr
- James Tilghman
- Edward Shippen, junr
- Townshend White

Peter Barndollar Petitioning for a Remission of a Fine of five pounds, imposed on him in the Mayor's Court, his Petition is granted on Condition he leaves the Province.

It being represented to the Board that our Governor has taken a Resolution to embark shortly for England, on Acct of the death of his late Father, Richard Penn, Esqr, one of our Proprietors; It was proposed, and unanimously agreed, that a respectful Address be presented to him by this Board on the Occasion. And the Recorder, Mr Tilghman & Mr E. Shippen, are appointed a Committee to prepare a Draught of the Address, which they are to lay before this Board on tuesday next for their Consideration.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 30th day of April 1771.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq, Recorder

Aldermen.
- John Lawrence
- Thomas Lawrence
- Thomas Willing
- Samuel Mifflin
- John Gibson
- James Allen
- William Fisher

Common Council Men.
- Thos Cadwallader
- Phineas Bond
- James Tilghman
- Joseph Wood
- Andrew Allen
- Chas Stedman
- William Rush
- John Wilcocks
- Samuel Powel
- Thomas Bond

The Recorder, Mr Edward Shippen, junior, & Mr Tilghman, who were appointed to draw up an Address to his Honor, the Governor, on his Intention of leaving the Province, produced a Draft of the said Address, and laid the same before the Board for their Consideration. The Address being read, Considered and amended, was ordered to be engrossed, and is as follows:

"To the honourable John Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant Gover-
"nor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Penn-
"sylvania and Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex,
"on Delaware.

"The humble Address of the Mayor and Com-
"monalty of the City of Philadelphia.

"May it please your Honor,

"We, the Mayor and Commonalty of "the City of Philadelphia, with real concern, have heard of your

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"Intention to leave the Province, and sincerely condole with you on "the melancholy Occasion which has made your Departure neces- "sary. We beg Leave to assure your Honor, that we consider it "not the least unfortunate Circumstance attending that Event, that "it will deprive us of a Governor, whose strict Probity, mild Ad- "ministration and Love of Justice have gained him the universal "Esteem of the People over whom he has presided, and healed "those unhappy Divisions which have too often disturbed our pub- "lick Councils.

"These Considerations cannot but induce us to wish it had "been convenient to you to remain longer among us. It is, how- "ever, no small Consolation, that by succeeding your late worthy "Father, as one of our Proprietors, you are still in a Situation "which will enable you to extend that Regard you have always "shown, for the Prosperity and Happiness of the Province.

"While we participate in the general concern for your De- "parture, we hold ourselves bound in a particular manner to ex- "press our Gratitude and warmest Acknowledgments for your kind "protection of the Corporation of this City, and your steady atten- "tion on all occasions to preserve to them those Rights and Privi- "ledges you found them possessed of under the Charter and Laws "of this Province.

"And, now, permit us, Sir, with the greatest Respect to "take Leave of you; and accept our most ardent Wishes for your "safe Arrival in your native Country, with the Continuance of your "Health and Enjoyment of every other Blessing."

"By order of the Board,

"Samuel Shoemaker, Mayor.

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On motion of the Recorder, that the Fines imposed at the last Mayor's Court, on Joseph Wilson, James Caldwell and George Hughes, and at the Mayor's Court held for this City in January last, on Thomas Ewing, Joseph Orr and John Stinton, who were indicted for and convicted of a Riot, and breaking divers public Lamps in the said City, which Fines amount in the whole to the Sum of One hundred and five pounds, shall, when received, be generously given by this Board to the Wardens of the said City, to be paid to them, or their order, to be applied and laid out for the use of the said City in lighting the publick Lamps and supporting the Nightly Watch, the Question was put and carried in the affirmative, nem con, and it is ordered that the Treasurer pay the same, when received, to the said Wardens, or their order, accordingly, and that their Receipt shall be his Discharge for the same.

Margaret Clark's Petition for a Remission of her Fine, granted.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 27th May 1771.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Isaac Jones
- Sam^{l} Mifflin
- Thomas Lawrence
- John Gibson
- William Fisher
- Samuel Rhoads

Common Council Men.
- Alexander Houston
- Charles Stedman
- Townshend White

Common Council Men.
- William Rush
- Joshua Howell
- John Redman
- W^{m} Parr
- Peter Chevalier
- Joseph Shippen, jun^{r}
- Will^{m} Shippen
- Stephen Carmick
- Joseph Sims
- Joseph Wood
- W^{m} Humphries
- W^{m} Logan
- Alex^{r} Wilcocks

Dennis Folow petitioning for y^{e} Remission of a fine of Ten Pounds, imposed on him in the Mayor's Court, for Fornication, The Board agree to remit it.

William Todd's Petition for the Remission of a fine due from Martin Healy, his Servant, is rejected.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 20th day of June 1771.

Present

Sam[l] Shoemaker, Esq[r] Mayor
Benj[a] Chew, Esq[r] Recorder

Aldermen.
- Isaac Jones, Esq[r]
- Sam[l] Rhoads, Esq
- Sam[l] Mifflin, Esq[r]
- Tho[s] Lawrence, Esq[r]
- John Gibson, Esq[r]
- William Fisher, Esq[r]

Common Council Men.
- Thomas Bond
- Dan[l] Benezet
- Will[m] Rush
- Alexander Wilcocks
- James Tilghman
- Sam[l] Powell
- John Wallace
- W[m] Parr
- Edw[d] Shippen, jr
- Joshua Howell
- Stephen Carmick

Jacob Weiss having exhibited an Appeal to this Board from a Regulation lately made by the Regulators of the City of a party Wall now about to be erected by Philip Heil, on the dividing Line of his Lot of Ground (lying on the west side of Second Street, near Race Street,) and the Lot of the said Jacob Weiss; The Board proceeded to hear the Allegations of the parties, and having inspected their Deeds, and examined the Regulators, and fully considered the whole Matter in debate, they were of Opinion that the Regulation, as made by the said Regulators, was very just and equitable, and accordingly confirmed the same.

Many of the public Wharffs of the City being represented to be out of Repair, The Board appointed two Committees to employ Workmen to put them into good order, viz[t]: Alderman Mifflin, Joshua Howell & William Rush for the Wharffs in the upper part of the town, and Aldermen Rhoads, William Logan & John Wil-

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cocks for the Wharfs down town; who are impowered to draw Orders on the Treasurer to defray the Expence.

James Glentworths petition to be appointed Clerk of the Jersey Markett, held under Consideration —

The Fines of George Henesey and Timothy Sulivan are remitted — And those of Mary Frances, Elizabeth White, Judah Mitchell and Elizabeth Johnson, are remitted on Condition that they severally depart from this City and dont return.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia
the 5th day of July 1771.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Isaac Jones
- Thomas Willing
- Samuel Rhoads
- John Gibson
- William Fisher
- John Lawrence
- James Allen

Common Council Men.
- Andrew Allen
- Alexander Wilcocks
- John Redman
- William Rush
- Charles Stedman
- William Parr
- Peter Chevalier
- John Wallace
- Edward Shippen, j^{r}
- Stephen Carmick
- William Shippen

The Board proceeded to consider the Appeal entered in August last by Samuel Rhoads and Joseph Russel from the proceedings of the City Regulators respecting the Ground on the South side of Pine Street, between Front Street and the River Delaware: But after

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some time spent therein, observing that the Appeal was not made from the Regulation of *any particular* party Wall, according to the directions of the Act of Assembly, the Board declined coming to any Resolution on the Subject, but directed that a new Regulation should be made by the City Regulators of a party Wall, now about to be erected by Frazier (one of the persons soliciting a determination of this matter) being of Opinion, that in case such new Regulation should not be satisfactory to all parties concerned, an appeal therefrom would come with more propriety before the board for a Decision.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia
the 31st day of August 1771.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayr
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.

Joseph Turner
Thomas Lawrence
Thomas Willing
Samuel Rhoads
Isaac Jones
Jacob Duché
John Lawrence
Samuel Mifflin
John Stamper
John Gibson
James Allen
William Fisher

Common Council Men.

William Logan
William Parr
Thos Cadwallader
Joseph Swift
Andrew Allen
Phineas Bond

Common Council Men.

Joseph Sims
Samuel Powell
Joseph Shippen, jr
George Clymer
Stephen Carmick
Joseph Wood
John Redman
Thomas Bond
John Wilcocks
John Cadwallader
Alexander Wilcocks
Joshua Howell
Joshua Emlen
Townshend White
Alexander Houston
Charles Stedman
Edward Shippen, jr
Samuel Morris
John Swift
William Shippen
John Wallace

Jonathan Humphries, the Tenant at the Middle Ferry on Schuylkil, being dead, A Number of persons applied to take a Lease of the Ferry on the same terms it was let to said Humphries, And the Board now taking into Consideration their several Applications, It was carried by a Majority of Voices, that Joseph Ogden should

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have a Lease of the same at the rent of £200 per annum, for the term of three years, if he shall so long live, but without power to assign the Lease, And Samuel Rhoads, James Allen and William Fisher are appointed a Committee to inspect the Condition of the Ferry, and to get a Lease executed to the new Tenant, with the proper Covenants, and to take Security for the performance of the same.

Jacob Hane's petition for a Remission of his fine, granted; Elizabeth Johnston's petition for the same purpose, granted on Condition that she leave the Province.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 1st day of October 1771.

Present

Samuel Shoemaker, Esqr, Mayr
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Esquires, Aldermen.
- John Lawrence
- Jacob Duché
- Joseph Turner
- Isaac Jones
- Thomas Willing
- Thos Lawrence
- Samuel Rhoads
- John Gibson
- James Allen
- Wm Fisher

Common Council Men.
- Andrew Allen
- Joseph Shippen, jr
- Phineas Bond
- Thos Cadwallader
- Wm Rush
- Charles Stedman
- James Tilghman
- Alexander Houston
- Saml Powell
- Alexr Wilcocks
- Joshua Howell
- Wm Parr
- Edwd Shippen, jr
- John Redman
- John Wallace

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A Petition was read from Ann Humphreys, the Widow of Jonathan Humphries, the late Tenant of the Middle Ferry on Schuylkil, representing that her late Husband had at a great Expence enlarged the Wharffs and Boats of said Ferry, and made other Improvements, for which he prayed this board would make her such an allowance as they should judge adequate to the Benefit accruing to the Corporation thereby: The board, in Consideration that Some of the Improvements will be lasting, and that the boats are larger and more valuable than those which said Humphries was obliged by his lease to leave, do agree to allow the Executors of the s^{d} Jonathan Humphries the Sum of One hundred pounds as a Compensation for the said additional Improvements and for the difference of the Value of the boats, provided the said larger boats are left for the succeeding Tenant, who is to covenant that he will leave boats of the like dimensions and Goodness at the expiration of his lease.

The Committee appointed the last year for settling the Treasurer's Acco^{t} make their Report, which is approved of.

The Treasurer exhibited his present years Acco^{t}, which is referred to the following Committee, viz^{t}, Thomas Lawrence, Alexander Houston and John Wallace, for their Report thereon.

This being the day appointed by Charter for the Election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, The board proceeded to that Business, and chose John Gibson, Esquire, to be the succeeding Mayor.

The Board attended the Mayor elect to the house of Joseph Turner, Esquire, where the President and Council were assembled, before whom he took the Qualifications necessary to enable him to enter upon the Discharge of his said Office.

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The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's Acco^{t}, report as follows:	Due.	Received.
That Jonathan Humphreys has paid one Year's Rent of the Middle Ferry on Schuylkill, due 18th July 1770, . . .		£200 0 0
That the Executors of Francis Rawle have paid a Year's Rent of the old Ferry on Delaware, due 25th March 1770, . .		30 0 0
That Thomas Lawrence, Esq^{r}, has paid a Year's Rent of his Stand, under the Court House, due 12th Oct^{r} 1770, . .		25 0 0
That Robert Lumsden has paid a Year's Rent of the blue Anchor Landing, due 12th July 1770, ...		30 0 0
That Sarah Austin has paid a former Balance due the 1st July 1769, ...		30 0 0
That has paid a Year's Rent of the New Ferry on Delaware, due 1st July 1770, ...		30 0 0
That the Sheriff has paid part of the Balance due from Jonathan Hood, . . .		60 0 0
That there yet remains due from Jonathan Hood, ...	£60 0 0	
Amounts carried forward,	£60 0 0	£405 0 0

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Amounts brought forward,	£60 0 0	£405	0 0
That Jasper Carpenter has paid a Year's Rent of the Potter's Field, due 14th April 1770, ...		10	0 0
That Samuel Garrigues has paid a Year's Rent of the Stalls, viz:			
46 Stalls in Jersey Market, due 92d Novr 1769, 26 at 80 / 20 at 60	£164 0 0		
66 at the West end of the Court Ho, due 25th Decr do, at 60	198 0 0		
	£362 0 0		
deduct his Commissions for receiving £362 and paying £327 18, at 5 p cent	£34 9 3		
		327	10 9
That the Ballance due from Jonathan Humphreys at the last Settlement, is paid, ...		25	0 0
That the Bond given by the Managers of the House af Employment remains in Treasurer's Hands, ...	750 0 0		
That no fines have been received from the Sheriff since the last report, ...			
£		£767	10 9

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The following is a brief State of the Treasurers Account:

Dr. Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, to to the Corporation. Cr.

To the Ballance due at last Settlem^{t} of 1st Oct^{r} 1769, ...	£1,065	8 3	By Sundry Payments by Order, Taxes & Salaries, ...	£749	9 7½
To Sundry Rents & Balances since receed p^{r} Acco^{t} on the other side,	767	10 9	deduct his Commiss^{n}, pay^{e} 749 9 7½ and receiving, ... 767 10 9		
			£1,547 0 4½ a 2½ p cent,	37	18 5½
			Ballance due the Corporation the 2^{d} Oct^{r} 1770, ...	1,045	10 11
	£1,832	19 0		£1,832	19 0

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The following is a State of the Fund presented for a public Edifice.

Dr. Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^{r}, on Account of this Fund. Cr.

1769.								
Oct^{r} 3	To Balance due this day, .	£102	4	7½	By Comm^{rs} rec^{d} £90 7 11 Int, at 2½ p Cent, ...		£2	5 2
	To one years Interest of Resor & Lukens Bond, due 18th Oct^{r} 1769, ...	9	0	0	By Robert Parrish's Bond & Mortg, dated 1st March 1770, for . . .		100	0 0
	To d^{o} on Resor & Lukens Bond for Arrearages, to 18th Oct^{r} 1768, ...	27	0	0	By Comm^{rs} paying d^{o}, ...		2	10 0
	To one years Interest of John Cox's Mortgage, due 1 June 1770, ...	19	10	0	Ballance due 3^{d} Oct^{r} 1770, ...		87	17 4½
	To one years d^{o} of James Benezet's Mortgage, due 1st Aug^{t} 1770, ...	30	0	0				
	To one years d^{o} of Bower & Hillegas, due 31st Aug^{t} 1770,	4	17	11				
		£192	12	6½			£192	12 6½

Philadelphia, 1st Oct^{r} 1771.

Signed by John Gibson
Alex^{r} Huston.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 28th day of October 1771.

Present

John Gibson, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Rhoads
- Samuel Mifflin
- James Allen
- William Fisher

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- Charles Stedman
- Alexr Houston
- John Wallace
- Townshend White
- Joshua Howell
- William Rush
- Phineas Bond
- Joseph Wood
- Joseph Shippen, jr
- William Parr

It being agreed that an Address should be presented by this Board to our new Governor, The Honble Richard Penn, Esquire, to congratulate him on his Arrival, a Draft of such Address was produced, and after some Alterations made therein, was agreed to by the board.

A Committee was appointed to wait on the Governor, to acquaint him that this Corporation had prepared an Address to him and to ask his Honour when it would be agreeable to him that they should attend him in order to present the same.

The Committee returned, and reported that they had waited on the Governor, who was pleased to say he would be ready to receive the Address to-morrow at one o'Clock.

It was then agreed that an Entertainment should be prepared for his Honour, the Governor, at the State house on thursday next, at the Expence of this Board; And a Committee was appointed for that purpose.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 29th day of October 1771.

The Board waited in a body on his Honour, the Governor; And the Recorder delivered the following Address:

"To the Honourable Richard Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant "Governor, and Commander in chief of the province of Pennsylva- "nia and Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex, on Delaware.

"The Address of the Mayor and Commonalty of the City "of Philadelphia.

"May it please Your Honour:

"We, The Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Phila- "delphia, beg leave to congratulate your Honour on your safe "Arrival, and Accession to the Government of this province.

"We assure you, Sir, that it is with sigular pleasure we "behold that great trust again committed to a Descendant of our "first worthy Proprietor and Governor.

"From your Honour's well known Character, and your "Knowledge of the Laws and Constitution, we have the fullest As- "surance that you will consider the true Interest of the Proprietary "family and the people over whom you preside as inseperable, and "that you will distinguish yourself for that Love of Justice, Free- "dom and Humanity, which so strongly marked the Character of "our late worthy Governor.

"Pleased, Sir, with the prospect of that Happiness, which "we sincerely wish may result from your Administration to the "public in general, we cannot doubt, that the Corporation of this

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"City will be secure in the Enjoyment of the particular Rights and "Privileges granted them by Charter."

John Gibson, Mayor."

To which his Honour was pleased to make the following Answer:

„Gentlemen,

„Your Congratulation upon my safe Arrival and „Accession to the Government of this province, and the pleasure „you express upon the trust of the Government being committed „to one of the proprietary family, cannot but be highly grateful to „me.

„The utmost of my Knowledge and Ability shall be chear„fully employed to reconcile the Interest of the proprietary family „with that of the people over whom I preside, and I flatter myself „with a hope that they may not be found altogether incompatible.

„I must leave the Conduct of my Administration in future, „to prove how much I may be influenced by that Love of Justice, „Freedom and Humanity, which marked the Character of my Pre„decessor.

„The Rights and Privileges granted by Charter to the Cor„poration of this City, shall receive every Security and protection „which they can reasonably expect, or which I may have the power „to bestow."

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 3d day of April 1772.

Present

John Gibson, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Samuel Mifflin
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Rhoads
- James Allen
- William Fisher

William Allen, Esq

Common Council Men.
- John Wallace
- Joshua Howell
- Joseph Shippen, jr
- George Clymer
- Alexander Wilcocks
- Townshend White
- William Rush
- Joseph Morris
- Edward Shippen, jr
- Phineas Bond
- John Wilcocks
- Joseph Swift
- William Parr

The Commissioners for clearing the River Delaware, and removing Obstructions to its Navigation, apply to this Board for a Sum of Money to assist in carrying on that Work; Whereupon the Sum of Three hundred Pounds was voted to be given by this Board for that purpose.

The Sum of Five hundred pounds is voted towards the opening, clearing and making the new Road lately laid out and ordered to be opened by the Governor and Council of this Province, leading from the Middle Ferry, on Schuylkill, to the town of Strasburg, in Lancaster County; provided the Sum of One thousand pounds be voted by the Assembly of this province, and applied to the same purpose — And Joshua Howell, Edward Shippen, junr, George Cly-

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mer and Joseph Shippen, jun^{r}, are appointed a Committee to lay out the Money on such parts of the Road as they shall think most proper.

The Recorder, with the other Gentlemen of the Law, who are Members of this Board, are desired to consider the Propriety of making some Ordinance to prevent the practice of buying and selling Provisions coming to y^{e} Markets of this City, before the times of holding the said Markets, whereby the price of provisions brought to Market have been much encreased.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 6th day of October 1772.

Present

John Gibson, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Rec^{r}

Esquires, Aldermen.
- John Lawrence
- Samuel Rhoads
- Sam^{l} Shoemaker
- Amos Strettle
- William Fisher
- James Allen

Common Council Men.
- James Tilghman
- Andrew Allen
- Joseph Shippen, j^{r}

Common Council Men.
- Alexander Wilcocks
- Joseph Wood
- John Wallace
- Samuel Powell
- Joseph Swift
- Will^{m} Logan
- Stephen Carmick
- William Rush
- Phineas Bond
- Charles Stedman
- Edw^{d} Shippen, j^{r}
- John Redman

The Managers of the House of Employment having some time since borrowed of the Corporation a large Sum of Money, which the Board agreed to let them have for a reasonable time without Interest on the said Managers giving their private Bond for the Money;

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It is now resolved that the said principal Sum be called in, And the Treasurer is desired to request of the said Managers, or such of them as executed the Bond, to discharge the same.

The New Market at the South End of the City having been heretofore regularly under the Care of the Clerk of the Market, It is now ordered that for the future the said Clerk take the proper Care of that Market, and receive the Rent of the Stalls.

Joseph Ogden, the Tenant at the Middle Ferry, representing that the dwelling House is in a decaying Condition, It is agreed that the necessary Repairs be made, And That Mr Fisher, and Mr Rush, be a Committee to inspect the same, and to employ Workmen to get it done, with power to draw Orders on the Treasurer to defray the Charge.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's last years Accounts, Report as follows:

"A Ballance due on Account of Rents, amount^{g} to £504 6 4½,
"Another Ballance due on Account of Fines, amounting to
"£173 13 4, which is carried to the Credit of the Corporation in
"Account Current, And that he has since the last Settlement paid
"the Sum of £566 5 1, for which the proper Vouchers have been
"produced, and that there remained in his Hands the 1st of Octo-
"ber last, the Sum of £1143 2 5.

"And on account of building an Exchange, or some public
"Edifice, there remained in his Hands the 1st October last the
"Sum of £136 15 1.

"And on account of the public Landings there remained in
"his Hands the 1st of October last, the Sum of £107 10 0¼.

Thomas Lawrence
"Sept^{r} 28th 1772. John Wallace."

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The Treasurer exhibited his new Acco^{t}, and the following Committee are appointed to examine the same, viz^{t}, Mr Strettle, Mr Joseph Shippen, jr, and Mr Joseph Swift.

The Board then proceeded, agreeable to their Charter, to the Choice of a new Mayor, when John Gibson, Esquire, was re-elected to that Office by a Majority of Votes,—And the Board accordingly attended him to the House of his Honour, the Governor, before whom he took the necessary Qualifications to enable him to enter upon the Execution of his office.

James Chapman's Fine remitted.—

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 26th January, 1773.

Present

John Gibson, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Benj^{a} Chew, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Tho^{s} Lawrence
- Jacob Duché
- Sam^{l} Shoemaker
- Sam^{l} Rhoads
- Sam^{l} Mifflin
- Amos Strettle
- James Allen
- John Lawrence
- Tho^{s} Willing

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- John Wallace
- W^{m} Rush
- Townshend White
- Charles Stedman
- John Cadwallader
- Joseph Swift
- Sam^{l} Powell
- George Clymer
- Joseph Wood
- Joseph Sims
- Andrew Allen
- Joseph Shippen, jr
- John Wilcocks

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The Mayor acquainted the Board that a Committee appointed by the House of Assembly to confer with this Board respecting the Necessity of erecting a New Market in this City, were waiting to lay before the Board such Matters and proposals as they had in charge from the house on that subject; a Message was immediately sent to the Gentlemen of the said Committee, to inform them that the Board was sitting, and ready to receive them.

Henry Pawling, W^m^ Rodman, John Brown, Thomas Mifflin, Jonathan Roberts and James Hockley, the Committee from the Assembly, attended the Board, and laid before them for their Consideration the Resolutions of the House of Assembly, respecting the Necessity of erecting an additional Market, which follows in these words, vizt:

„Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, That the want „of an additional Market House or Houses in the City of Phila- „delphia, for the Accomodation of the Inhabitants bringing their „produce to Market for the Supply of the said City, is a public „Grievance.—

„Ordered, That the Committee appointed to confer with the „Corporation of the said City, be instructed to represent to them the „said Grievance, and to confer with them on the best mode of re- „moving it in future, and to make report to this House."

The Board took into Consideration the necessity of an additional Market in the City, for the Benefit of the Inhabitants, both of the City and Country, and after some Debate thereon, The Question being put—Resolved, by a very great Majority, that an additional Market is necessary to be erected.— Resolved, nem. con. That another Market be built at the Expence of this Board.

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The Board then, took into Consideration the most proper place where such Market should be built; and after some debate thereon, it was agreed to refer the Decision of this point to the next meeting; And that the Board be summoned to meet again for that purpose on Friday next—And that Mr Rhoads & Mr Shoemaker inform the Committee of Assembly with the above Resolutions of the Board.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 29th January, 1773.

Present

John Gibson, Esqr, Mayr
Benjs Chew, Esqr, Recordr

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- John Lawrence
- Thomas Willing
- Jacob Duché
- Saml Shoemaker
- Wm Fisher
- Samuel Mifflin
- Amos Strettle
- James Allen

Common Council Men.
- James Tilghman
- Wm Rush
- John Wilcocks

Common Council Men.
- Saml Powell
- Andrew Allen
- Joseph Wood
- Townshend White
- Charles Stedman
- William Logan
- Joseph Shippen, jr
- Joshua Howell
- Stephen Carmick
- Joseph Swift
- George Clymer
- Alexr Wilcocks
- Samuel Morris
- John Wallace
- Joseph Sims

The Board resumed the Consideration of the most convenient situation for the new Market agreed to be built; and the following Question being put, vizt,

Whether the Market shall be erected in Market Street, between third and fourth Streets?

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Resolved in the affirmative by a great Majority. Whereupon Joseph Wood, Joseph Shippen, Jr and Stephen Carmick, are appointed a Committee to prepare a plan of a Market, to be laid before this Board; and also to agree with Workmen, and Superintend the Building of the Market, with power to draw Orders on the Treasurer to defray the Expence.

The Board also agreed That a number of Stalls were necessary to be added to those already built in Second Street, near the South End of the City, as well as some repairs necessary to be made to the old ones, for the better Accommodation of the Inhabitants residing in that part of the City; and finding, after taking a View of the State of their Funds, that they were not sufficient to defray the Expence of building both Markets without calling in the Sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds, formerly lent on Bond to Joseph Fox and others, the Managers of the House of Employment; Ordered, That the Treasurer do again call on the Obligors for the Money, and insist on the payment thereof within the term of three months next ensuing, and report their answer at the next meeting of the Board.

The fines of Nathaniel Hargrave, Richard M^{c}Cowen, Tho^{s} Moffat, Sarah Oneil, William Jackson, James Belford, Robert Jones, Jane Black, Elizabeth Cahill & Dorothy Peters, imposed in the Mayors Court for divers offences, of which they were convicted, were remitted.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, for the City of Philadelphia, the 1st day of May, 1778.

Present

John Gibson, Esqr, Mayor	
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recordr	
John Lawrence	Esquires, Aldermen.
Samel Shoemaker	
Amos Strettle	
James Allen	
Samuel Rhoads	
William Logan	Common Council Men.
Charles Stedman	
Stephen Carmick	
Townshend White	
William Rush	
Joseph Shippen, jr	
John Wilcocks	
Alexr Wilcocks	
Joseph Swift	
Joseph Wood	
Edwd Shippen, jr	
Andrew Allen	
George Clymer	

The Committee appointed to prepare a plan of the addition to the Market agreed to be built in Market street, between third and fourth streets, laid the same before the Board for their Consideration.

At the same time a Remonstrance from some of the Inhabitants in the Neighbourhood was presented to the board, Complaining that a Market in that place would be an additional Incumberance to the Street and would greatly inconamode them, and intimating a Request that the Board would appoint some other place more suitable for that purpose. A counter-memorial was likewise presented to the Board from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City, chiefly residing in the Upper End of Market Street, praying that the Board would pursue their Intentions in erecting the Market in the place

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resolved upon at the last meeting of the Board. The whole matter being taken into serious Consideration, & The Board, altho' very averse to do any Act which may incommode any number of the respectable Inhabitants of the City, yet having pledged their Faith to the Assembly of the Province, that the Market should be built, and being themselves convinced of the necessity thereof, for the Accommodation of the Inhabitants, both of the Country and City, and not being able to discover any other place so convenient for this purpose, came to the following Resolutions:

On the first Question, Whether this Board is Satisfied of their right to build the Said Market in the Middle of the Street called High Street, leaving a proper space on each Side for the passage of Carriages?

Carried in the affirmative.

On the Second Question, Whether the building the additional Market resolved on at the last Meeting, be immediately carried into Exeeution?

Carried likewise in the affirmative.

A Representation from the Managers of the House of Employment was read, requesting that the Board would forbear to call upon them for the payment of the Sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds, formerly lent them by this Board, and intimating an Expectation that the Board would never demand the Money. On the Question being put, Whether this Board will present that Money to the Said Managers for the Use of the House of Employment,

Carried in the Negative.

The Board, nevertheless, considering that it might be inconvenient to the said Managers to pay the Said Money immediately, Agreed That it shall lye in their hands for the Space of one year longer.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 14th day of June 1773.

Present

John Gibson, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Record^{r}

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel Mifflin
- John Lawrence
- Samuel Shoemaker
- James Allen
- Wm Fisher

Common Council Men.
- Joshua Howell
- Willm Logan
- James Tilghman
- Townshend White
- Stephen Carmick
- Alexander Wilcocks
- William Parr
- Joseph Wood
- William Rush
- Charles Stedman
- Edwd Shippen, jr
- John Wallace
- Samuel Powell

The Mayor laid before the Board an Application in writing from some of the Inhabitants of the City, residing or owning Houses in Market Street, requesting the Board would decline the immediate carrying into Execution their Resolution to erect Market Stalls in said Street, between third and fourth Streets, and that they would consent to the entering an amicable Suit at Law to try the right of this Corporation to erect those Stalls. The Board taking the same into Consideration, And the Question being put, Whether the said Request should be complied with, Carried in the Negative.

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At a Common Council held at Philad[a] the 22[d] June, 1773.

Present

John Gibson, Esq[r], Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esq[r], Recorder

Esq[rs], Aldermen.
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Thomas Willing
- Thomas Lawrence
- William Fisher
- Sam[l] Rhoads
- Amos Strettle

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- James Tilghman
- William Shippen
- Joshua Howell
- Townshend White
- Alex[r] Wilcocks
- Peter Chevalier
- William Rush
- John Wallace
- Edward Shippen, j[r]
- Stephen Carmick
- Daniel Benezet
- Thomas Bond
- John Wilcocks

It being represented That the Stones and Lime prepared for building the Addition to the Market in High Street, have been violently taken and carried away from the Ground where they were deposited, and the Lime-House pulled down and destroyed—The Board taking the same into Consideration; And the Question being put, whether this Board shall proceed to bring such Actions to recover Damages for the Injury they have sustained, as the Law Members of this Board shall think necessary and proper,

Carried unanimously in the Affirmative.

And the Law-Members to be a Committee to draw Orders on the Treasurer to defray the Expences of carrying on the suits.

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The Board then took into Consideration the propriety of proceeding in the work after the Suits shall be brought; And the Question being put, Whether the Committee be directed to desist for the present from prosecuting the work until this Board shall give further directions therein,

Carried by a Majority in the Affirmative.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 24th day of June 1773.

Present

John Gibson, Esq^{r}, May^{r}
Benjamin Chew, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Sam^{l} Shoemaker
- John Lawrence
- Tho^{s} Willing
- Sam^{l} Rhoads
- Amos Strettle
- William Fisher
- Jacob Duché
- Tho^{s} Lawrence

Common Council men.
- James Tilghman
- Joshua Howell
- Joshua Sims
- Sam^{l} Powell
- Alexander Wilcocks
- Joseph Wood
- William Rush
- Townsh^{d} White
- Cha^{s} Stedman
- John Wallace
- Edw^{d} Shippen, j^{r}
- Peter Chevalier
- Stephen Carmick
- John Wilcocks

The Board having at their last Meeting directed the Committee for erecting the Market, to desist from prosecuting the work till

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they should receive the further directions of the Board; But many of the Members having at that time expressed their desire that a Meeting of the Corporation might soon be called to determine finally concerning that measure — It was therefore now proposed that as the last resolution was only temporary, and the workmen were not ordered to be discharged, the Board should now give their final Directions thereupon — On resuming the Consideration of that Matter, And the question being put, Whether the Committee shall be directed to proceed to their work,

Carried by a great Majority in the Affirmative.

It being represented that the Meal Market is become an offensive place, and that it is chiefly made use of by the Hucksters of Meal, and not by the Country people, for whose use it was originally intended, It was proposed that some alterations should be made in the form of that Market, so as to render it less liable to those Objections; The Board thereupon appointed a Committee to view the said Meal Market, and to lay before the Board some plan of a proper alteration therein. And the Committee having withdrawn for that purpose, returned during the sitting of the board and reported That, in their opinion, it would be proper to carry up the piers in a line with the other piers of the Market, to support the Roof, and to take down the Standing Walls, so as to contract the Market and to leave more space for the Passage of Carriages on the North, South and West, and that being so lessened, it might still be kept as a Meal Market for the use of the Country people. The Board approved of the proposed alterations, and the same Committee, to wit, Aldarmen Shoemaker & Rhoads & Mr. Wood & Mr. Carmick are desired to carry the same into Execution.

It was proposed that the public Scales for weighing of Hay, which this Board formerly resolved on, be now immediately pro-

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vided, Whereupon the former Committee appointed for that purpose, together with Alderman Rhoads & Mr. Powell are impowered to determine upon the proper plan for such Scales, and to get one put up at the Slip on Vine Street, and another at the blue Anchor.

It being complained of as very inconvenient in the Market place, that Horses should be suffered to Stand in the Carts which bring provisions, during the time those provisions are selling; The Board request the Mayor to give the necessary directions to the Clerk of the Market to prevent the Continuance of that practice.

Agreeable to a former Resolution of the Board to erect additional Stalls at the New Market near the South Bounds of the City, It is now resolved that a number of such additional Stalls be built, so as to fill up the Vacancy between those already built, leaving out Lombard Street, together with such a proper space of Ground on each side that Street, as the Committee shall think convenient, and also so many single Stalls to the Southward or Northward of those now standing, as shall make on the whole, a Number of Stalls not exceeding twenty. And Aldermen Rhoads, Mr. Powell & Mr. John Wilcocks are appointed the Committee to get the Stalls built and the old ones repaired, with power to draw Orders on the Treasurer to defray the Expence.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 29th day of June 1773.

Present

John Gibson, Esqr, Mayr
Benja Chew, Esqr, Recordr

John Lawrence
Thos Willing
Amos Strettle
Saml Rhoads
Thos Lawrence
James Allen
Saml Shoemaker
} Esqrs, Aldermen.

John Redman
Wm Logan
Joseph Morris
Andrew Allen
} Common Council Men.

Stephen Carmick
Alexr Wilcocks
Joseph Wood
Joshua Howell
Townshend White
Saml Powell
Wm Rush
John Wallace
Edwd Shippen, jr
Chas Stedman
Joseph Swift
Joshua Emlen
James Tilghman
Joseph Sims
John Wilcocks
} Common Council Men.

The Board being met agreeable to the request of a Number of the Inhabitants of this City, of the Society of the people called Quakers; An address was read and presented to the Board, earnestly requesting they would, for the present, suspend the carrying into Execution their Resolution of building an additional Number of Stalls to the Market in High Street, representing that the minds of the people were much agitated, and that such a suspension would be the means of restoring peace to the City.

After many Debates and a full Discussion of the Subject, The Question was put, Whether this Board will suspend the carrying on the said work; Carried by a Majority in the Affirmative; and

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resolved to bring the proper Actions for the Trespasses already Committed.

Resolved also to desist for the present from building the additional Stalls at the new Market near the South End of the City, agreed on at the last meeting.

Resolved likewise that the Meal Market shall remain as it is at present, and that the work already done in High Street shall be secured, as well as the Materials, except such as are perishable, & those to be sold. The Rubbish in the Street to be removed, so as to make the Street on each side the piers passable.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 30th day of August 1773.

Present

Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder
John Gibson, Esqr, Mayor

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Samuel Mifflin
- John Lawrence
- Thomas Willing
- Samuel Rhoads
- Jacob Duché
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Amos Strettle
- James Allen
- William Fisher

Common Council Men.
- Joshua Howell
- William Shippen
- James Tilghman
- Townshend White
- Peter Chevalier
- Joseph Wood
- William Parr
- Alexander Wilcocks
- Samuel Morris
- Joseph Swift
- Edward Shippen, jr.
- John Redman
- Thomas Bond
- William Humphries
- John Wallace
- William Rush
- George Clymer

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The Board met in order to attend our new Governor, The Honourable John Penn, Esquire, at the publication of his Commission, which they accordingly did; and likewise came to the Resolution of providing an Entertainment for his Honour, at the Expence of this Board — And the Mayor, Mr. John Wilcocks, Mr. Parr & Mr. Wood were appointed a Committee to prepare the same.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 5th day of October, Anno Domini 1773.

Present

John Gibson, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Willing
- Samuel Mifflin
- James Allen
- William Fisher
- John Lawrence
- Samuel Rhoads
- Saml Shoemaker
- Jacob Duché

Common Council Men.
- John Swift
- William Coxe
- William Logan
- John Allen
- William Parr
- Stephen Carmick
- Joseph Shippen, jr

Common Council Men.
- William Rush
- John Wilcocks
- Daniel Benezet.
- William Humphries
- Thos Cadwallader
- John Redman
- Joseph Swift
- Joseph Sims
- James Tilghman
- Andrew Allen
- Joseph Wood
- George Clymer
- Alexr Wilcocks
- Charles Stedman
- Peter Chevalier
- Townshend White
- John Wallace
- Edwd Shippen, jr
- Thomas Bond

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Robert Lumsden, the present Warfinger for the Dock and Bridge, representing to the Board by petition, that his Lease is nearly expired, and praying to be continued the Tenant, It is agreed that his Lease be renewed for the term of three years on the usual terms.

Mr. George Clymer, Mr. Chevalier & Mr. John Wilcocks are appointed a Committee to settle the Treasurers Acco^{t} now delivered in, as well as that delivered last year.

The Recorder moved that proper Counsel (besides the Gentlemen of the Law who are Members of the Board) be retained to support the Actions brought by this Corporation against the Trespassers in carrying away the Materials provided for erecting the Addition to the Market in High Street: It was accordingly agreed that one or two Counsel, such as the Law Members of the Board shall think proper, be employed on this Occasion; And that the said Law Members be empowered to draw Orders on the Treasurer for such Fees as they shall think necessary to be given.

The Board then proceeded to the choice of a Mayor for the ensuing Year, And William Fisher, Esquire, was elected to that Office by a Majority of Votes.

The Mayor elect having signified his Inclination to take the Recommendation of this Board, as to the proper person to be appointed by him as Clerk of the Market of this City; The Sense of the Board was, thereupon, taken by Ballot, and it was carried by a great Majority, that Judah Foulke be recommended to the Mayor for that Office. The Board likewise appointed the said Judah Foulke to be Collector of the Rents of the Stalls, for which he is to be allowed the usual Commissions, and to have the benefit of letting the said Stalls at Fair times — But it is ordered by the Board that

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the Country people bringing provisions to Market, shall not be removed from their Stalls on the Market day of each Fair, in order to make room for the Vendors of Goods at the Fair, until nine of the Clock in the Morning.

The Board then attended the Mayor elect to the House of his Honour the Governor, before whom he took and subscribed the Affirmation and Declaration necessary to enable him to enter upon the Discharge of his said Office.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 27th day of November 1773.

Present

William Fisher, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Jacob Duché
- Thomas Lawrence
- Saml Shoemaker
- James Allen
- Amos Strettle

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- Joshua Howell
- Joseph Wood

Common Council Men.
- John Cadwallader
- Joseph Shippen, jr
- Samuel Powell
- Andrew Allen
- Charles Stedman
- William Rush
- Willm Humphries
- Townshend White
- Peter Chevalier
- Samuel Morris
- Joseph Shippen, senr

A Petition of Jasper Carpenter, praying a renewal of his Lease of the Strangers Burying Ground for the further term of Seven years, was read; And it was agreed by the Board, that the said petition be granted: And Alderman James Allen was appointed to draw the Lease.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia the 3d day of March 1774.

Present

William Fisher, Esqr, Mayor
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder

Esqrs, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Jacob Duché
- Saml Shoemaker
- James Allen
- Samuel Rhoads

Common Council Men.
- Andrew Allen
- Samuel Powell
- Joshua Howell
- Joseph Shippen, jr
- Joseph Swift
- Charles Stedman
- William Rush
- John Wallace
- Edwd Shippen, junr
- John Allen

The Recorder informed the Board that some Complaints had lately been made in the province of Maryland, that the sealed half Bushels made in this City, by which great Quantities of Wheat had been bought and sold there, contained considerably more than the legal measure; and that unless some Examination was speedily made into this matter, it might be attended with Consequences greatly detrimental to the trade of this City — The Board accordingly took it into Consideration, and having sent for Nathaniel Allen, the Officer appointed to size & seal the Measures, and having before them the Copper half Bushel, which has been long used as the Standard in this province, came to the following Resolution; That a Committee be appointed to examine with great Accuracy, whether the said Standard Copper half Bushel be a just and legal measure or not, taking Mr. Rittenhouse & any other persons they may think proper, to their Assistance. — And as the half Bushell appears to have received some Injury, not being now circular, and

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bulging out at the Bottom, The Board requested that the Committee would procure a new one to be made of cast Brass, to contain the exact and legal Measure according to Act of Parliament — And Mr. Alderman Rhoads, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Joseph Shippen and Mr. Powell were appointed the Committee for the purposes aforesaid.

Abraham Cornog, praying for a Remission of a fine of Ten pounds imposed on him in the Mayors Court for Fornication, It is accordingly remitted.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 25th day of June, 1774.

Present

William Fisher, Esqr, Mayor		James Tilghman
Benjamin Chew, Esqr, Recorder		William Logan
Joseph Turner, Esqr	Aldermen.	Joseph Shippen, jr
Thomas Lawrence, Esqr		Samuel Powell
Samuel Mifflin, Esqr		Alexander Wilcocks
Jacob Duché, Esqr		Andrew Allen
Samuel Rhoads, Esqr		Joshua Howell
Samuel Shoemaker, Esqr		Thomas Cadwallader
John Lawrence, Esqr		William Rush
John Gibson, Esqr		John Wallace
Amos Strettle, Esqr		Joseph Wood
		William Humphries
		Edward Shippen jr
		William Parr

Common Council Men.

The Recorder, Benjamin Chew, Esquire, having been appointed Chief Justice of this province, now appeared at the Board and made

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his Resignation of the Office of Recorder of this City; at the same time warmly expressing his Sense of the Confidence reposed in him by the Board ever since his Election to that Office; The Board thereupon proceeded to the Election of a new Recorder, And Andrew Ailen, Esquire, was unanimously elected to that Office, who accordingly took and subscribed the Qualifications required by Law, as well as the Oath for the faithful Execution of the said Office.

Many of the members expressing their Desire that the Thanks of the Board should be delivered to the late Recorder, in the most respectful manner; it was proposed, and unanimously agreed to, That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address of thanks to the late Recorder, for his long and faithful Services to this Board, to be laid before the Board for their Consideration, And Mr Shoemaker, Mr Gibson, Mr Tilghman and Mr E. Shippen, were appointed the Committee for that purpose.

It being represented to the Board that an additional number of Regulators were much wanted, the following Persons were appointed Regulators of Party Walls, Buildings, and Partition Fences in the City of Philadelphia, agreeable to Act of Assembly, viz^{t}, David Rittenhouse, Robert Smith, (Carpenter,) Thomas Morris, Edward Bonsall and William Callady.

Several persons petitioning for a Remission of Fines imposed on them in the Mayors Court, those of

Ludwick Tees
Solomon Isaac
William M^{c}Kean
William Ellis
Elizabeth Howard
Maurice Welsh
George Stevenson
} granted.

James Weldon Roberts
Robert Armstrong
George Ogilvie
} rejected.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 27th day of August, 1774.

Present

William Fisher, Esqr, Mayor		John Lawrence	Common Council Men.
Andrew Allen, Esqr, Recorder		Thomas Willing	
Jacob Duché, Esqr	Aldermen.	Willm Logan	
Samuel Shoemaker, Esqr		Joseph Shippen, jr	
John Gibson, Esqr		Alexr Wilcocks	
Amos Strettle, Esqr		Saml Powell	
James Allen, Esqr		John Wallace	
		Willm Parr	
		Willm Rush	
		Edwd Shippen, jr	

The Committee appointed to procure Scales for the weighing of Hay, erected at the Expence of this Corporation, reported that they had erected a pair of Scales for that purpose at the Draw-bridge, which were now ready for Use—And Robert Lumsden having petitioned the Board to be appointed the Officer for weighing of Hay at that place, he is accordingly appointed for one Year, at the Expiration of which time, he is to render a just Account of the Money arising therefrom, the Rate of which is to be two shillings for each Load of Hay, and then to receive such Satisfaction for his trouble and Attendance as the Board shall think reasonable.

The Overseers of the Poor of this City, applying to this Board for the temporary Use of the unoccupied Ground to the Southward of the Draw-bridge, in order to deposit a Quantity of Wood for the use of the poor, as that Article can now be laid in at a cheaper Rate than later in the Year; Their Request is granted, provided

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they do not suffer any person to make use of that Ground for any other purpose.

Mr E. Shippen, Mr J. Allen & Mr A. Wilcocks, are appointed a Committee to collect and revise the Several Ordinances of this Corporation.

James Jones, Hugh Lacy and George Ogilvy, petitioning for a Remission of certain Fines imposed on them in the Mayors Court, the Fines of the two first are remitted, and likewise of the last, on Condition of his Consenting to be shipt off to go beyond Sea, and not returning to this City.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to draw an Address of Thanks to the late Recorder, presented a draft of such Address, which, on Consideration was approved by the Board, And the same Committee are requested to present it on behalf of this Corporation.

„ To the Honb^le^, Benjamin Chew, Esquire, Chief Justice
„ of the Province of Pennsylvania.

" The Address of the Mayor & Commonalty of the City of
" Philadelphia.

" Sir,

" The Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Philadel-
" phia, beg you will accept their unanimous and warmest Thanks
" for your long and faithful Services as Recorder of this City—
" With the utmost Gratitude they acknowledge the steady Attach-
" ment you have on all Occasions manifested to the true Interests of
" this Corporation, as well as the Uprightness, Resolution, and
" Abilities with which you have discharged the Office of one of
" the first Magistrates of the City.

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"They most sincerely congratulate you on your Advancement "to a still more important Trust, which they are confident you will "execute, with Honor to yourself and Justice to the Public."

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 4th day of October 1774.

Present

William Fisher, Esqr, Mayor
Andrew Allen, Esqr, Recorder

Esquires, Aldermen.
- Thomas Lawrence
- Samuel Mifflin
- Samuel Rhoads
- Samuel Shoemaker
- Amos Strettle
- James Allen

Common Council Men.
- John Lawrence
- Thomas Willing
- William Logan

Common Council Men.
- Alexander Wilcocks
- Joseph Shippen, Senr
- James Tilghman
- Joshua Howell
- William Rush
- Joseph Shippen, junr
- Edwd Shippen, junr
- Thomas Bond
- Charles Stedman
- John Wallace
- John Redman
- Thomas Cadwalader

The Committee appointed to present the Address of Thanks to the late Recorder, reported that they had accordingly delivered the Same, and had received the following Answer, addressed to this Corporation:

"Gentlemen,

"I most sincerely thank you for your kind and "obliging Address. It gives me infinite Satisfaction to find that my "Conduct as Recorder of the City, and my endeavours to promote "the true Interests of your respectable Body have merited your Ap-

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"probation: And I shall ever esteem this public Testimony of your "Regard as one of the greatest Honours that could be conferred on "me. B. Chew."

The Treasurer delivered to the Board his last years Account, which is referred for Examination and Settlement to the following Committee, viz^{t}: George Clymer, John Wilcocks, & Peter Chevalier.

The Board then proceeded to the Choice of a Mayor for the ensuing Year, agreeable to their Charter; And Samuel Rhoads was elected to that office.

On motion for an Addition to the Board of Aldermen, it was agreed that two new Aldermen should be elected, And Samuel Powel and George Clymer were accordingly chosen.

The Board thinking it likewise proper to add to the Number of Common Council Men, it was proposed and carried that Six should be chosen; Whereupon John Potts, Samuel Meredith, James Biddle, Samuel Howell, [Merch^{t}], Isaac Cox and Thomas Barclay, were elected Common Council Men.

The Managers of the House of Employment not having yet paid the Money due from them to this board, it was moved and agreed to, that the Treasurer do forthwith call on the Obligors and demand the immediate discharge of their Bond; and unless the same be complied with, before the Expiration of three months from the time of such demand, the Bond is to be put into the Recorders hands to be recovered in a Course of Law.

It was agreed that the materials purchased with a View of erecting Scales for weighing Hay at the upper End of the City, be sold, provided a price can be got for the same, not less than the first Cost.

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The petitions of Sundry persons for a Remission of Fines, imposed in the Mayor's Court, were read, those of Hugh Lacy, William M^cCane, & Elizabeth Howard, were granted, those of George Ogilvy & ThomasBurns, rejected.

At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 28^th^ day of November 1774.

Present

Samuel Rhoads, Esq^r^, Mayor		William Logan	Common Council Men.
Andrew Allen, Esq^r^, Record^r^		Daniel Benezet	
Thomas Lawrence, Esq^r^	Aldermen.	Alexander Wilcocks	
Samuel Shoemaker, Esq^r^		Samuel Howell	
John Gibson, Esq^r^		William Parr	
James Allen, Esq^r^		Peter Chevalier	
Samuel Mifflin, Esq^r^		John Wallace	
		William Rush	
		James Biddle	
		John Potts	
		Isaac Cox	
		Edw^d^ Shipppen, jr	
		Townshend White	

The Committee appointed to get a brass Half Bushel made as a Standard for sizing and sealing Measures, reported that the same was compleated, and desired the Sense of the Board as to the Person who was to have the Custody of it. The Board on Consideration resolved that it should be lodged with Nathaniel Allen, till this Board should give other directions.

Mr Mifflin, Mr Logan, Mr Isaac Cox, & Mr Rush, are appointed a Committee to inspect the Dock at the Drawbridge, and see what Repairs are necessary.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia, the first day of February 1775.

Present

Samuel Rhoads, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Samuel Shoemaker
- John Gibson
- James Allen
- Amos Strettle
- Samuel Powell

Common Council Men.
- Joshua Howell
- Alexander Wilcocks
- Townshend White
- Charles Stedman
- Peter Chevalier
- Edw^{d} Shippen, jr
- Thomas Barclay
- Joseph Wood
- John Potts
- William Rush
- John Redman
- John Wallace

It being proposed that, as the Fairs held in this City under the Charter to this Corporation were now become not only useless, but very inconvenient to the Inhabitants of the said City, there should be an Application from this Board to the Assembly, or other proper step taken to abolish the said Fairs; The Board took the same into Consideration, and after some debate thereon, agreed to appoint a Committee to consider the propriety and Expediency of putting down the Fairs, and to report their Sentiments as to the proper mode of proceeding for that purpose, consistent with the Rights of the Corporation. The Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen Shoemaker, Gibson, Allen, Strettle & Powell, and Mr E. Shippen, Mr Wilcocks, Mr Potts & Mr Chevalier, were appointed the Committee, to report to this Board at a Meeting to be had for that purpose, this day week.

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Joseph Ogden's Lease of the Middle Ferry being near expired, It was agreed he should have a Renewal of his Lease for three years longer on the same terms. Mr Shoemaker, the Treasurer, is desired to see that a proper Lease be executed.

At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia, the 8th day of February 1775.

Present

Samuel Rhoads, Esq^{r}, Mayor
Andrew Allen, Esq^{r}, Recorder

Esq^{rs}, Aldermen.
- Sam^{l} Shoemaker
- Sam^{l} Mifflin
- William Fisher
- James Allen
- Sam^{l} Powell
- George Clymer
- Amos Strettle

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- Joshua Howell
- John Potts
- James Biddle
- Alex^{r} Wilcocks
- Joseph Wood
- John Wilcocks
- William Rush
- Charles Stedman
- Peter Chevalier
- Samuel Howell
- Edw^{d} Shippen, jr
- Thomas Bond

The Committee appointed to consider the Propriety and Expediency of an Application to the Assembly for Power to suspend the holding of Fairs in this City, reported their Opinion in favour of such an Application, and brought in a Draft of a Petition for that purpose, which being read and Considered, after some Amendments, was agreed to, and is as follows — viz^{t}:

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"To The Honourable the Representatives of the Freemen of the "Province of Pennsylvania, in general Assembly met,

"The Petition of the Mayor & Commonalty of the City of Phila- "delphia Humbly Showeth — That frequent Complaints have been "made by many of the respectable Inhabitants of the said City, "The Fairs held therein under the Proprietary Charter, twice in "every year, have since the great Increase of Stores and Shops for "the Sale of every species of Merchandize, been found not only "useless, but to have become real Nusances, as they tend to "debauch the Morals of the people, and to facilitate the Commission "of Thefts and other Offences within the said City. This Board be- "ing ever desirous, so far as in them lies, to reform all such Evils "as may, from time to time, be discovered to arise, destructive of "the peace and good Order of the City, would have proceeded to "make such Resolutions respecting the said Fairs as would have "removed all Cause of Complaint for the future; But, on inspect- "ing their Charter, they do not find themselves impowered either "to discontinue the said Fairs, or to make any such Regulations "therein, as to the frequency or duration of holding the same, as "can tend to remedy the Mischiefs complained of: They Therefore "beg leave to lay the Matter before this Honourable House, and to "pray that they may have Liberty to bring in a Bill to enable this "Corporation to afford the Inhabitants of the said City such Redress "in the premisses as shall be thought reasonable and proper. And "your Petitioners shall pray, &c."

Which Petition the Mayor is desired to Sign, and present to the House of Assembly, in behalf of this Corporation.

The Committee having likewise prepared a draft of a Bill for the said purpose, the same was approved of.

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It was proposed that this Board take into Consideration the great Necessity there is of erecting a City Hall and Court House for the use of this Corporation and the Mayors Court, a Lot of Ground having been long since appropriated for that purpose, in the State House Square. The sense of the Board appeared generally in favour of the Proposal; and a Committee was agreed to be appointed to draw a Plan and make an Estimate of the Cost of a proper Building for that purpose; likewise to inspect the State of the Funds of this Corporation, and to consider whether this Board can apply the Moneys formerly given by several of the Mayors of this City in lieu of the accustomed Entertainments on going out of their Offices, to the Purpose of a City Hall and Court House, or whether they are restricted by the terms of those Donations to apply that Money, with the accumulated Interest thereon, solely to the purpose of building an Exchange. The Mayor, Recorder, Mr. James Allen, Mr. E. Shippen, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Powel & Mr. Clymer were appointed the Committee.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia 3d April 1775.

Present

Sam[l] Rhoads, Esq[r], Mayor
Andrew Allen, Esq[r], Recorder

Esq[rs], Aldermen.
- Thomas Willing
- Sam[l] Shoemaker
- Amos Strettle
- Sam[l] Powell
- James Allen
- Jacob Duché
- John Gibson
- George Clymer

Common Council Men.
- Sam[l] Morris
- Joshua Howell
- Isaac Cox
- Charles Stedman
- William Rush
- John Potts
- Sam[l] Meredith
- James Biddle
- Edw[d] Shippen, j[r]
- Peter Chevalier
- Joseph Sims
- W[m] Logan
- Dan[l] Benezet
- John Wallace
- Joseph Wood

The Assembly having presented to the Governor a Bill for suppressing the Fairs in this City, materially different from the Bill carried into the House by this Corporation, and depriving this Board of the power of reviving the said Fairs hereafter, in case the Circumstances of the City and Province should appear to require the same; It was proposed that the Board Consider the propriety of an Application to his Honor, the Governor, to request him either to reject the said Bill, or to make such Amendments thereto as should reserve to this Corporation the future right of judging of the Expediency of holding the said fairs agreeable to their Charter. The Matter being fully debated, the Board at length

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came to the Resolution of requesting his Hon^r, the Governor, that he would be pleased not to pass the said Bill into a Law, in its present form, but to make such Amendments thereto as should save the said Right to this Corporation, And the Recorder and Mr. E. Shippen are appointed a Committee to make a draft of such Amendments, to be laid before the Board at their next meeting.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider of a proper plan of a City Hall, presented one to the Board, but without an Estimate of the Cost; At the same time they reported that it appears from the Minutes, that the Donations made to this Corporation by several of the former Mayors of this City were to be applied to the building an *Exchange*, or such other *public Edifice* in this City as the Mayor and Commonalty should see fit to order and direct; consequently that this Board had an undoubted Right to apply the same towards building a City Hall.

The Managers of the House of Employment offering to this Board some Ground Rents, as Payment for the Sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds formerly lent them by this Board, It was resolved that as probably the Money would be soon wanted in order to build a City Hall, the Offer should not be accepted, but that the Bond be discharged within two months, otherwise that it be then peremptorily put in suit.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the eighth day of April, 1775.

Present

Sam[l] Rhoads, Esq[r], Mayor		Joshua Howell	Common Council Men.
Andrew Allen, Esq[r], Recorder		Alexander Wilcocks	
Sam[l] Shoemaker	Esq[rs], Aldermen.	James Biddle	
Amos Strettle		John Potts	
James Allen		William Rush	
Sam[l] Powell		Sam[l] Howell	
John Gibson		Isaac Cox	
George Clymer		Edw[d] Shippen, jr	
Thomas Willing		John Wallace	

The Committee appointed to make a draft of the Amendments to the Bill for suppressing the Fairs, brought in the same, and after some Additions and Alterations, they were agreed to; and the same Committee are desired to request his Honor, the Governor, in the name of this Board, to return the said Bill to the House of Assembly, with Amendments of the kind agreed to by this Board.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Plan of a City Hall, are desired to have an Estimate of the Expence made before the next meeting of the Board.

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At a Common Council held at the City of Philadelphia, the 3d day of October, 1775.

Present

Aldermen.

Samuel Rhoads, Esqr, Mayor
Andrew Allen, Esqr, Recorder
Saml Shoemaker, Esqr
Jacob Duché, Esqr
Amos Strettell, Esqr
William Fisher, Esqr
Samuel Powel, Esqr
James Allen, Esqr
John Gibson, Esqr

Common Council Men.

William Logan
Joseph Wood
Saml Meredith
Joseph Swift
James Biddle
William Rush
Danl Benezet
John Wallace
Edward Shippen, jr
James Tilghman
Joseph Shippen, jr
Alexander Wilcocks
John Redman
John Wilcocks

Robert Lumsden, the person employed by this Corporation to weigh the Hay brought to the public Scales at the Draw-bridge, exhibited his Acct of Hay weighed the last year, whereby it appears that the Sum of £171 8 0 arose for weighing 1,714 Loads of Hay, from the 29th of August, 1774, to the 29th of August, 1775, of which near £50 remains uncollected. On considering what allowance should be made to said Lumsden for his past and future Services, It is agreed that he be allowed one third of all the Money already collected, as well as one third of what remains due, when the same shall be collected. And for the future his Allowance is to be one third of the whole Produce of the said Scales, he collecting and being accountable for the whole. It appearing that

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these Scales stand in need of some Alterations to make them more commodious, Mr Rhoads, Mr Gibson and Mr Meredith, are appointed a Committee to get the proper alterations made.

Mr Fisher, Mr Joshua Howell and Mr Rush, the Committee heretofore appointed to get the Docks cleaned out, are desired to inspect the Condition of the public Wharffs, and to put them into proper repair.

This being the day appointed by Charter for the Election of a Mayor for the ensuing Year, the Board proceeded to that Business, and elected Alderman Samuel Powell to that Office.

The Treasurer, Mr Shoemaker, exhibited his Acco^{t} with this Corporation for the last Year, which was referred to the Committee appointed to settle the former years Acco^{t}, who are requested to settle both Accounts, and to make their Report as soon as possible.

The Petition of Eleanor Clark, Anne Brown, Thomas Hogg, and John Dennis, for the Remission of certain Fines, imposed on them in the Mayor's Court, were considered and granted.

The Board then attended the Mayor elect to his Honor, the Governor's, where he took and subscribed the Oaths and Declaration proper to enable him to enter upon the Execution of his Office.

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At a Common Council held at Philadelphia, the 17th day of February 1776.

Present

Samuel Powel, Esqr, Mayor
Andrew Allen, Esqr, Recorder

Aldermen.
- Saml Shoemaker, Esqr
- Saml Mifflin, Esqr
- James Allen, Esqr
- Thomas Willing, Esqr
- Benjamin Franklin, Esqr
- John Lawrence, Esqr
- Saml Rhoads, Esqr
- Amos Strettle, Esqr
- John Gibson, Esqr
- John Stamper, Esqr

Common Council Men.
- William Logan
- Samuel Howell
- John Allen
- John Wallace
- James Tilghman

Common Council Men.
- Alexr Wilcocks
- Peter Chevalier
- John Wilcocks
- Joseph Swift
- Joshua Howell
- Joseph Shippen
- Joseph Wood
- William Shippen
- William Parr
- Joseph Shippen, junr
- Thomas Bond
- John Redman
- Samuel Morris
- Townshend White
- Daniel Benezet
- Charles Stedman
- Edward Shippen, junr
- Joshua Emlen
- William Rush

The Mayor informed the Board that the Office of Clerk of the Market having become vacant by the death of Judah Foulke, several persons had applied to him to be appointed to that Office, but that he had hitherto declined making any Appointment, and was now desirous to take the Recommendation of this Board. On a Ballot it was carried that Joseph Redman be recommended to the Mayor as Clerk of the Market, and also that he be appointed by this Board the Receiver of the Rents of the Stalls.

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The Mayor, Alderman Shoemaker, Aldermen James Allen, and Mr Logan, are appointed a Committee to draw up a Sett of Rules and Orders to be observed by the Clerk of the Market, to be laid before this Board for their Consideration.

It being agreed that a small Shed be erected at the Middle Ferry on Schuylkil, for the Accommodation of people coming to Market, adjoining that already built; Alderman Rhoads, Alderman Shoemaker, & Will^m Rush, are appointed a Committee to get the same done.

To prevent delays in relieving Prisoners confined for their fines, it is agreed that the Mayor, calling two Aldermen to his Assistance, may consider petitions from Prisoners to this Board for Remission of their fines; And they be authorized to grant or reject such as they in their Discretion shall think proper.

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